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The Secret To Handling A Very Busy Day

By Sarah (Mrs. Howard) Taylor, Greenville

For those who wonder what women do who "don't work" and have chosen motherhood and homemaking as a full-time profession, here is a day in the life of one of those women:

Up at 6:00 A.M. — from 6:00 to 7:00 had personal worship — time alone with God.

7:00 - 8:15 — got children off to school both very happy — a mother's most cherished happening in the early morning!

Had plans to sew all day for my eight-year-old daughter who has outgrown everything for spring.

Remembered while washing dishes when I glanced at the calendar that I had a luncheon date at Morrison's with my husband and a group of pastors and wives in honor of our

associational missionary. "O well, I can sew until 11:30 anyway."

Telephone! A young mother was asking if I would keep her two preschoolers while she went for a very important conference. "Sure, I'll be glad to." Between playing with dolls and the happy conversation of the children, I sewed a little.

Telephone! — a neighbor, "Would you take care of my house a couple of days while I'm away." "I'd love to."

Telephone! My daughter's elementary school office had a dog there which followed a child from my neighborhood to school. "Will you try to find the owner and get it home?"

Fifteen minutes and about five phone calls later a neighborhood representative was on the way to rescue the dog.

The mother of the preschoolers returned and I enjoyed spending some time in sharing her conference which was so important in her life.

Neighbor popped in just as this mother left. She was returning my cake plate which I took to her when her mother-in-law died. We talked a few minutes about all the details of the funeral service.

Telephone! The neighbor knows how my phone rings constantly so she left to avoid a long delay. It was a PTA room mother on the phone calling to get me to round up ten dozen cookies from the mothers in my child's room for a reception for retiring teachers.

Sewed a little more and it was time to go to the luncheon — an oasis in the desert — a quiet time of fellowship with Christians which was

renewing and enriching.

Came home for about thirty minutes of sewing before picking up my children from school. Oops! Telephone! An elderly lady was calling to share with me her loved one's serious illness. She needed someone to listen to the details. I was glad I was at home to answer the phone!

Picked up my children at school and met my neighbor at the door upon return. She came to tell me of two deaths in our neighborhood at the other end of the street.

We got right down to business on my junior high son's science test — the "ask-me-these-hundred-questions" kind of studying. Before we were half through — guess what — the telephone! This was a thirty minute conversation with frequent interruptions by my son with a

pleading "Mother, hurry." It was a lady telling me about a prospect for our church whom I know well. Her child was seriously ill.

Finally back to science! Throughout the afternoon and some of the morning there were numerous phone calls about a couple with whom my husband and I had been counselling. The wife had left her husband and had come to our town. We were involved in helping them get back together under very difficult circumstances. It was today that the husband came to town to claim her from her extramarital experience.

There was a "yesterday" promise to my teenage son that we'd shop for a pair of pants. Somehow we squeezed in 45 minutes at the mall.

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General Council Meets

BWA Body Plans Relief, Evangelism Cooperation

By C. E. Bryant

BRIGHTON, England (BP) — The Baptist World Alliance General Council and related committees spent five days here in planning cooperation in world evangelism, relief, and human rights, and other matters of mutual concern.

Some 290 Baptist leaders from 40 countries nominated officers to be voted on in July 1980 at the 14th Baptist World Congress in Toronto, but also gave serious study to a variety of programs of cooperative action.

Duke K. McCall, president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky., was nominated by the council for election as BWA

president at the organization's 75th anniversary congress in Toronto, July 8-13, 1980. If elected he will succeed a Hong Kong layman, David Y. K. Wong, in the top elective office. Wong was elected in Stockholm in 1975.

Gerhard Claas of Hamburg, West Germany, was nominated for the office of general secretary. Claas has served since 1975 as the BWA associate secretary for Europe. If elected at the congress in Toronto, he will move to the Alliance headquarters office in Washington. Robert S. Denny, general secretary since 1969, will retire in 1980, after 24 years on the BWA staff.

Joan Parajon, a physician's wife, flew from war-torn Managua,

Nicaragua, to bring the first night's message. "War is many times worse than the earthquake that hit our country three years ago," she said with deep emotion. "Our own citizens are killing their fellow citizens. There is not food enough to eat."

"The country is in chaos, and women and children are walking the highways with cloth bags on their backs trying to find a place to sleep."

Before the week was over, the coun-

cil approved a relief and development budget with goals of \$1,268,000 for 1979 and \$1,275,000 for 1980. The goals cover specific relief assistance in 21 countries and emergency funds for disasters wherever they occur.

Large gains were noted in evangelism. James L. Sullivan, chairman of the division committee on evangelism and education, said in his report.

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FMB Appoints 38 Persons; Sets Aside Relief Funds

RICHMOND, Va. (BP) — Thirty-eight new missionaries and almost a half million dollars in relief ministries projects received approval from the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in its July meeting.

Board members also were urged to support U. S. Senate Bill S. 1372, introduced by Sen. Thad Cochran of Mississippi, which would restore a \$20,000 U. S. income tax exemption for missionaries and other qualified employees of public charities and religious organizations serving overseas.

Elimination of this exemption, which occurred under the Foreign Earned Income Act of 1978, stands to cost either the SBC's 2,900 foreign missionaries or the Foreign Mission Board about \$1 million this year alone if the exemption is not restored.

The 38 missionaries, plus two reappointments approved in July, bring the year's total to 96, with 123 missionary journeymen scheduled for commissioning July 20 in Richmond and another relatively large appointment group planned at the board's August meeting in Glorieta, N. M. The 96 include 20 reappointments of missionaries who have had to resign in the past for various reasons. Last year's

record 350 new missionary personnel included 30 such reappointments.

The July appointees included 25 in the career missionary categories, nine missionary associates, who serve renewable four-year terms in English-language work overseas, and employment of four special project personnel. The special project workers are two dentists and their wives, one of whom is a nurse, who will spend a year in the Windward Islands in the Caribbean.

In other actions, the board approved 11 long-term volunteers and six Mission Service Corps personnel. The service of two other Mission Service Corps workers was extended to a second year. The two programs differ in terms of financing. Mission Service Corps personnel either pay their own

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Hospital In Memphis Opens Facility

Baptist Memorial Hospital East in Memphis will have an open house for the public from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, July 22. This will afford the public an opportunity to see one of the most modern hospitals in the country.

The new \$27,000,000, 400-bed facility was partially opened on March 25, 1979. The complete facility is scheduled to be open by October 1, 1979.

The new hospital is a satellite facility of Baptist Memorial Hospital (Memphis) and replaces 400 outdated beds which will be taken out of service in the medical center hospital.

Like the medical center hospital, the new facility is owned and operated by the state Baptist Conventions of Arkansas, Mississippi, and Tennessee.

All aspects of the hospital were designed with the patient in mind. All diagnostic and treatment facilities are on the ground floor so that patients do not have to ride an elevator to go from one treatment facility to another; special accommodations for outpatients are included in both surgery and the maternity department.

The emergency department is staffed around the clock with physicians trained in emergency medicine and the pharmacy is open 24 hours a day.

Special attention was given to the interior of the facility so as to create a warm and attractive setting for patients and visitors. All private rooms have a sitting area with a sofa that can

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Sealift Urged For Refugees

ATLANTA (BP) — An immediate sealift to aid refugees who have been forced out to sea in unseaworthy boats has been urged by the executive director-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

In a letter to President Jimmy Carter, William G. Tanner requested implementation of an "immediate sealift to rescue those otherwise doomed persons."

The letter to the president came after Malaysia deported thousands of Indochinese refugees, forcing them out to sea in boats of questionable seaworthiness. The deportation of the refugees from Malaysia was coupled with reports Thailand has forced more than 45,000 Cambodians back into their war-torn country.

Tanner expressed concern for the plight of the refugees and noted he was writing the letter "in a spirit of Christian compassion and commitment to the worth of every individual."

He noted the immediate sealift is an "emergency life and death concern," but also suggested other means to aid the Indochinese refugees. He called for opening of additional refugee camps, either overseas or in the United States and the implementation of an "orderly family reunification process between refugees in the U. S. and relatives in Vietnam." He also asked that funds to accomplish the relief of refugees be appropriated.

Soon They'll Need A Forest

NAIROBI, Kenya (BP) — Two young Kenyan Baptists, whose Sunday School consisted on one class meeting under a tree, quickly applied the principles they learned at a recent weekend Sunday School clinic.

After being taught the value of age-group division and the use of available space, the two went back to Karura, a preaching point of Kariobangi Baptist Church in Nairobi. Southern Baptist Missionary Charles E. Evans of Georgia, one of four teachers at the clinic, arrived at Karura that Sunday to find the regular Sunday School teacher holding class under the tree.

Both were also using pictures and a small chalkboard to illustrate their lessons.

On Job Training Offers Many Witnessing Lessons

Chris Myers, a sophomore at Clarke College, is presently working as a summer missionary in California. Reprinted below is a portion of a letter in which he talks about his first few weeks of service and challenges other young people to become involved in this important ministry.

On June the 5th we arrived at the Golden Gate Seminary for orientation. This orientation, which lasted from the 7th through the 9th, ranged from a crash course on witnessing to working with preschool children.

While at the seminary we were treated to dinner in San Francisco's Chinatown. This was an experience for most of us, especially for me, since I had never eaten Chinese food. Later during the evening we went uptown for some street witnessing. My friend Paul Stupka from Clarke College al-

lowed me to go with him. With the help of the Lord, we were able to witness to two people.

The first person didn't have any other choice but to listen since he was caught in an apparently endless traffic jam. This young man came right out and said he was not a Christian. We felt this was the first step, and thus we were able to give effective testimony to him. In other words, the "seeds were sown."

The second person was so intellectual and outrightly possessed so much knowledge that telling him about Jesus just didn't make sense to his level of thinking.

On the streets at night you can see the degradation of man, the extent of sin. In San Francisco, Broadway provides perhaps the foremost example. Homosexuals are all out in the open; in fact, it is a shame that they are more organized than some churches in the entire state of California.

Through my first two church assignments I have not met a task that I could not handle. Yet, may it be said that I feel I have not really been handed any burdens either. At the first church in San Rafael I learned what it feels like to get a door slammed in my face. When you do door-to-door witnessing, you must realize that it is not you that people are rejecting, but Jesus himself. All you can do is watch the door close, smile, and get ready for the next door, praying that the residents of that house will be more receptive.

Where I am presently assigned we have been working in vacation Bible school. This is a joy in itself. Just to have the privilege of helping these children learn about Jesus is a blessing. However, it is sad that I had to leave after just two weeks. I just pray

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RA's Now Have Own Campground

Central Hills Baptist Retreat at Kosciusko has opened for a full summer of Royal Ambassador camping.

This is the first time in 10 years that Baptist boys in Mississippi have had their own camping facility. It was in August of 1969 that Hurricane Camille destroyed Camp Kittiwake on the Gulf Coast along with Gulfshore Baptist Assembly.

The 360 acre tract at Kosciusko was purchased in 1973 in two parcels of 240 acres and 120 acres for a total purchase price of \$105,000 according to Paul Harrell, Mississippi Baptist Brotherhood director, whose department gives guidance to RA work in the state.

The master plan for the facility called for a 25 year period of development. Phase one, implemented with the first \$850,000 budgeted for Central Hills, in May 1977, included a basic support system including utilities, sewer system, water, dining facility, camp center building, swimming pool, recreation field, amphitheatre, two bath houses, 66 tent sites, and road construction.

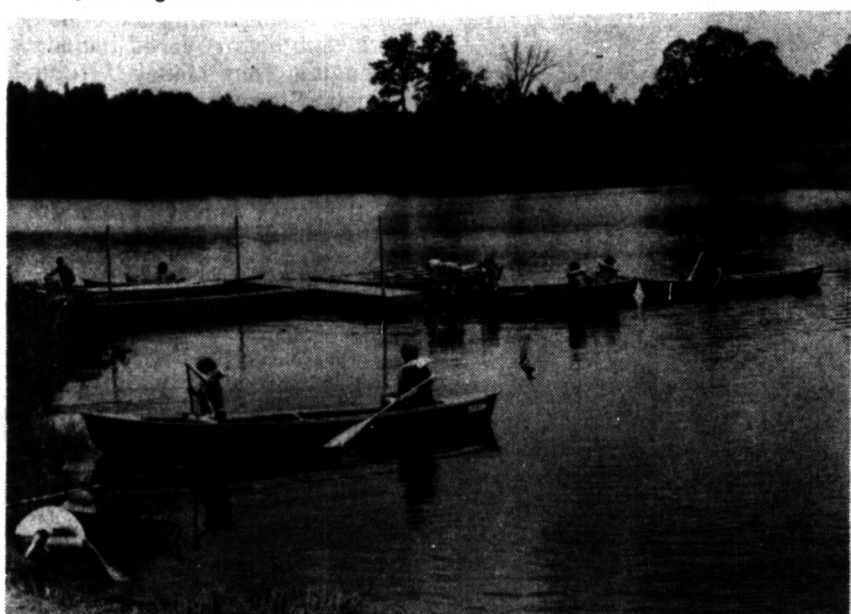
An 18 acre lake was already on the property.

Facilities currently include the basic system, plus a horse barn, 13 horses, and a corral. The camp center building should be going up before next

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Here are some of the boys eating under the circus tent at Central Hills.



The 18-acre lake offers all waterfront activities.

Bob At Gulfshore

"Nothing To It"

Gulfshore Baptist Assembly was never threatened by the latest hurricane to come ashore on the Gulf Coast, according to manager Frank Simmons.

Hurricane Bob brought tides somewhat higher than normal, and water came onto the grounds; but there was never any danger of a problem, Simmons said. The only damage at all was done to the fishing pier, which juts out into Bay St. Louis; and this will require only simple repair work, he added.

The tide came over the beach and over the four-foot seawall but never threatened the buildings. The high tides left a little more water on a part of the entrance drive than was safe to drive a car through, so the Youth Music Week registrants and their luggage were floated in by boat to keep from having to wade.

The tractor used on the grounds has a motor high enough to keep it from being drowned out, and it was used to pull the boat. This added a touch of interest for the young people, Simmons said.

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Top Drawer: More than 15,000 teenagers and sponsors overflowed the Tarrant County Convention Center for the Texas Baptist youth evangelism conference. Comedian Jerry Clower of Mississippi noted that a concert by the world famous Bee Gees in the same auditorium the night before had drawn 14,000 and said that when a Christian meeting outdraws a rock concert, the public should realize that teenagers are eager to live for Christ. Clower, a comedian on the Grand Ole Opry, said the public has a narrow view of young people. "The two percent of young people who are sorry have gotten all the publicity," he said. "The 98 percent who are good, ain't nobody saying nothing about them."

RA Congress Urges Boys To 'Go Boldly' For Christ

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — About 2,300 Southern Baptist boys and their leaders from across the nation were urged to "go boldly" for Christ during the 6th National Royal Ambassador Congress at the Grand Ole Opry House in Nashville in mid-July.

Comedian Grady Nutt, emcee for the three-day meeting, asked the participants from 24 different states to "become one in our Father and bold ambassadors for Christ. Two thousand three hundred people with this quality would just scare the world to death," he quipped. "Let's be giving ourselves away for all of the right reasons."

The congress was designed to lead boys in the Southern Baptist Royal Ambassador mission organization to commit themselves to assume personal responsibility to share Christ with the world through service and witness, congress planners said.

Country and western recording star Larry Gatlin, a member of Woodmont Baptist Church, Nashville, opened the congress by performing for the youth, and Bobby Jones of the Philadelphia 76ers National Basketball Association team talked to the youth about the importance of physical and spiritual growth.

On the physical side, the 6'9", 210-pounder said, "From the time I was 12 years old until I was 17, my age and my shoe size were always the same."

But of spiritual growth he cautioned, "I'm not here to say that accepting Christ will make you a super athlete or whatever you want to be. But from my freshman year to my sophomore year there was a complete change in me. That's when I asked Christ to come back into my life," said Jones, who was voted the top defensive player in the league each of his first four seasons in pro basketball.

At Philadelphia last year, Jones helped start a pre-game chapel service in the 76ers' locker room, and the idea has spread now to at least three other clubs in the NBA.

In a later session Chris Elkins, a former member of the Unification Church of Sun Myung Moon, warned the boys against involvement with cults and non-Christian religions.

The Hattiesburg resident now a college student and consultant with the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, told the youth how easy it was to become involved with the Moonies.

"I was an RA and very active in all areas of the church," he said. "Over 70 percent of the people who join cults are young people from Sunday School backgrounds."

"Since 1960 more than 2,000 new religions have moved into the United States," Elkins continued, "and many of the people who join these new groups are Baptists."

Elkins pointed out that the young people selling flowers and other items can make a million dollars in five days for the Unification Church.

Bunny Martin, world yo-yo champion, shared the platform with Elkins. He gave his Christian testimony and dazzled the Royal Ambassadors with yo-yo feats such as "the atom bomb," "reach the moon," "walk the dog," and "brain twister."

Nutt, who interviewed numerous home and foreign missionaries during the sessions, concluded the congress program by telling the story of Pinocchio and emphasizing the importance of not being a puppet controlled by others.

"Life is a war for the strings of your life," Nutt said, tying together the program personalities of the week. Nutt explained that the boys could be like the strings on a guitar that must be played, the strings on a basketball net just hanging around, or the strings on a yo-yo that go up and down but cannot do anything alone.

"Some of the most meaningful times of my life have been where I have ceased to care what other people think," Nutt continued.

"I'm standing on a circle of wood here at the Opry House where people have become rich and famous... and miserable and lonely. Riches and fame don't guarantee you anything, but God does," he said. "We get trapped by the things that look so good," he added. "Many young people are puppets today, controlled by their peers."

"You want freedom, you say. Free-

dom, to many, means not being tied down to 'nothing or nowhere,'" he observed. "But the freest person I know is the person who has deep roots in God and gives his strings to God."

The National Royal Ambassador Congress, which is held every five years, was jointly sponsored by the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission and the state Baptist Brotherhood departments.



Missionary Michael Clendenen (from left) shows historical masks of Taiwan to Royal Ambassadors from First Baptist Church, Aberdeen. Royal Ambassadors Greg Russell, 16, Neil Beddingfield, 15, and their counselor, Robert Martin, from the Kendig - Bone Pioneer Chapter, attended the 6th National Royal Ambassador Congress in Nashville, July 10-12.

Chautauquas Scheduled For Senior Adults

NASHVILLE — Seven weeks of conferences for senior adults — five at Ridgcrest and two at Glorieta — will be held this fall.

Worship leaders for the Glorieta chautauquas will be Doug Hudgins, Jackson, Miss. (September 24-28) and Donald Ackland, Nashville, Tenn. (October 1-5).

Senior adult chautauquas which

have convened annually since 1971 drew more than 4,500 persons over 60 last year and several weeks this fall already are nearing capacity, according to Horace Kerr, supervisor of the senior adult ministry section in the Sunday School Board's family ministry department.

"Growing Friendships" will be the 1979 theme of the chautauquas which are scheduled at Glorieta for September 24-28 and October 1-5. At Ridgcrest, they will be October 1-5, 8-12, 15-19, 22-26 and October 29-November 2.

A special feature of the October 29-November 2 chautauqua will be a daily conference for deaf persons and interpretation for the deaf at all large-group sessions.

At Ridgcrest, the worship leaders will be Forrest Feezor, Shelby, N. C. (October 1-5); James L. Sullivan, Nashville, Tenn. (October 8-12); James Smith, Springfield, Ill. (October 15-19); Perry Webb, Jr., Baton Rouge, La. (October 22-26); Paul Adkins, Atlanta, Ga. (October 29-November 2).

Total cost for the conferences, including a \$25 registration fee, is \$80 per person at Ridgcrest and \$85-97 at Glorieta, based on double occupancy and depending on accommodations. Single accommodations and rooms housing three or four persons also are available.

Prayer Calendar For MKs

(Margaret Fund Students)

July 26, David Raley (Taiwan), Mississippi College
Aug. 4, Deborah Gray (Okinawa), Blue Mountain College
Aug. 8, Peter Lee (France), Mississippi College
Aug. 17, Sandra Lyle, Mississippi College
Aug. 18, Christy Mason, Mississippi College
Aug. 25, Elizabeth Applewhite (Indonesia), Mississippi College
Aug. 29, John Holifield (Italy), Mississippi College
• MKs — foreign, listed on birthdays; MKs — home, listed alphabetically by names during year.

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summer's camping season. This year the boys are eating under a tent and are catered by Pap's On the Square in Kosciusko.

The five weeks of camping, plus two Dad-Lad weekends, are offering riding experiences, (plus wagon rides via the Clydesdale horse), camping skill classes in riflery, archery, crafts, nature study, waterfront activities of canoeing, sailing, fishing, and a lighted swimming pool.

Building of cottages are contingent on the selling of the Kittiwake property, according to Harrell.

The camp center building should include dining room, two offices, equipment issue storage room, a canteen, and three bedrooms for living quarters.

Rusty Griffin of the Brotherhood staff is camp director. Dan West also on the Brotherhood staff is manager of Central Hills Baptist Retreat.

Gulf Coast Baptists Plan August 2 Rally

Gulf Coast Association on Aug. 2 is planning a Bold Mission Rally that will encompass all of the elements of missions work employed by Southern Baptists, Director of Missions Sam Turner has revealed.

Speakers will be present representing the missions boards, career missionary appointees, Journeymen, U. S.-2 missionaries, Mission Service Corps workers, student summer missionaries, and missions volunteer sponsors. In addition, the 16 men who recently went from the association to Barbados on a work trip will be awarded certificates.

The missions board speaker will be Mississippian Louis Myers, who is associate to the director of the Overseas Division of the Foreign Mission Board. Myers was a missionary to Vietnam until the American pull-out from that nation.

Felix Greer of Vancleave, a Foreign Mission Board appointee to Liberia, will speak.

All of the speakers will be Mississippians. Except for Myers, all will be coast area residents.

Sue Holland, a member of Bel Aire Church, Gulfport, is a missionary Journeymen appointed to Yemen. Mark and Cathy Spain of Woolmarket are to be U.S.-2 workers in Portland, Ore. Jerry and Joyce Masterson of Bay Vista Church, Biloxi, will be Mission Service Corps workers in Denver. Four student summer missionaries to speak will be Sherry Leavens of New Hope Church in Harrison County, Rebecca Long of First Church, Long Beach; Eddie Hilderbrand of Bay Vista Church; and Steve Wilkenson of Grace Memorial Church in Gulfport.

The missions volunteer sponsors will be Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lenaz of First Baptist Church in Gulfport.

The music director will be Charles Red of First Church, Long Beach. He will present the choir of his church in portions of the musical "Acts" interspersed between other items on the program.

Baptist CP Income Is 11% Over 1978

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — The Cooperative Program portion of the national giving of Southern Baptists exceeds last year's contributions by nearly 11 percent at the 9-month point of the 1978-79 fiscal year, according to figures compiled by the denomination's Executive Committee.

Through June, Southern Baptist state conventions have relayed \$47,520,083 in undesignated Cooperative contributions from Southern Baptist churches to the Executive Committee for distribution through the denomination's world wide missions programs.

That exceeds the 1977-78 figure of \$42,856,390 by \$4,663,693, or 10.88 percent.

Total giving for the first 10 months on a national level, including the Cooperative Program amount and another \$51,416,337 in designated gifts, amounts to \$98,936,420. That represents an increase of \$10,588,055 — or 11.98 percent — over the total gifts at the same point last year.

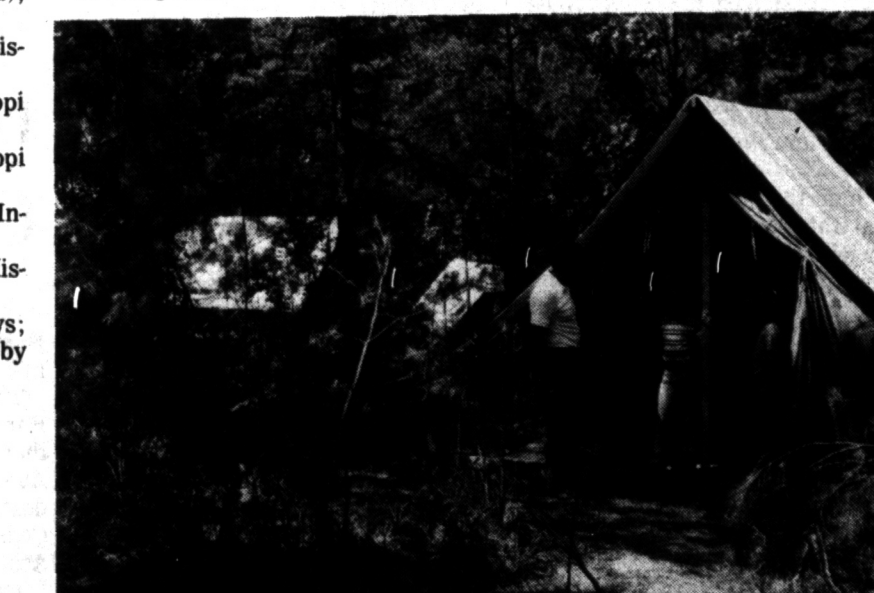
The Cooperative Program portion of the total giving represents about one third of what state conventions receive from churches.



The food



The riding lessons



The tents



The stable

At Family Life Conference, Howell Tells Of 'Taking Stock'

The middle years of life offer a time of taking stock. This, according to John Howell, professor of ethics and family life at Midwestern Seminary, is yet another step in that great American pastime: "doing something to get ready to do something else."

Howell outlined for participants at the annual Family Life Conference at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly several areas in life that "taking stock" might help.

He told the 100 participants at the week-long conference sponsored by the Mississippi Baptist Christian Ac-

tion Commission, that a spiritual inventory would be wise, because often in early years of marriage, people "get involved in church because it's good for the family." He suggested taking hard look at one's present spiritual health.

Howell suggested a review of plans for financial stability in senior years, a look at attitudes toward retirement, and feelings about death.

In fact, "there are many types of inventories and challenging types of adjustments to be made," said Howell.

Among the adjustments, Howell in-

cludes the contracting family. He said statistics show that after children are grown, parents are left with "nearly 15 years of empty nest."

He ticked off other areas of thought for persons in their middle years such as "physical changes that may affect our self esteem and a narrowing of achievement possibilities."

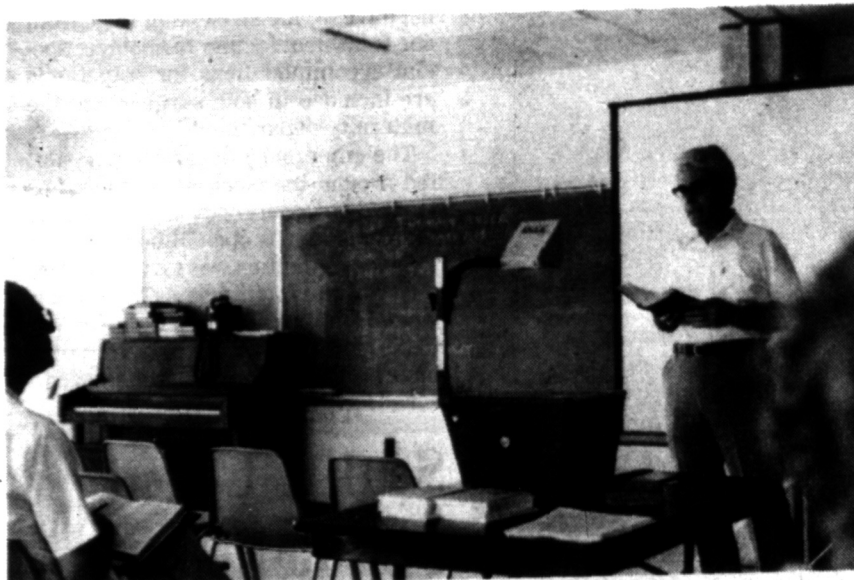
Howell listed among challenges to keep growing in one's marriage relationship. "Forgiveness and grace are now just church words," he said. Other challenges were in maturing productivity in work and service, having more satisfying friendships, and a deepening spiritual sensitivity.

"Howell said that Christians in their middle years can have a 'new sense of freedom to become what Christ wants them to be.'"

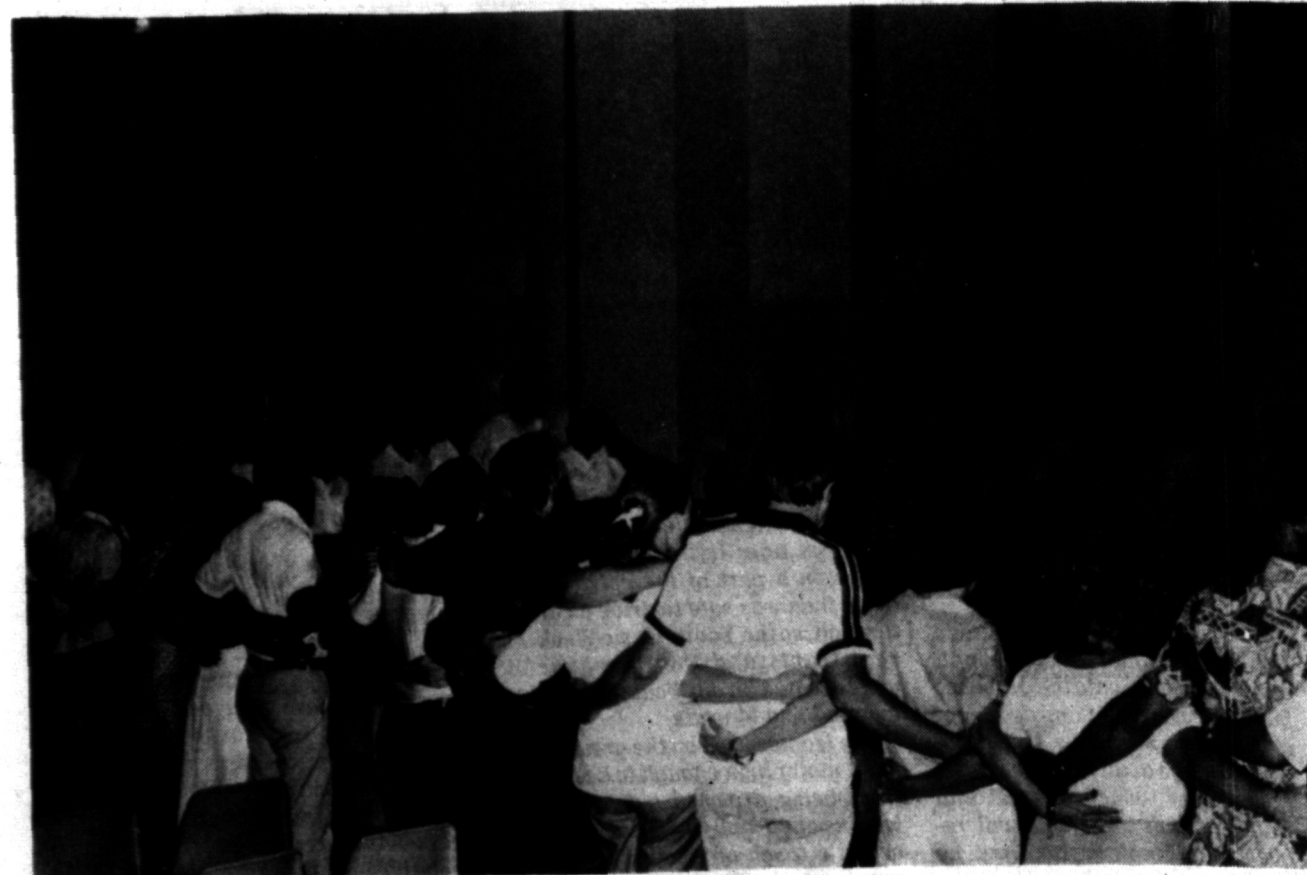
He continued, "In the Lord Jesus Christ, there is a new beginning again each day. Our selfhood has been delivered to become a new person in the Lord."

The entire week's program at Family Enrichment Week, July 2-6, was aimed at making the life of the family better. Subjects covered included "Managing Your Money," "Communicating Love to Preteens," and "Unresolved Struggles of Early Parenthood."

Many participants made the week as a vacation week, combining family recreation and the seminars for growth. Clark Hensley is director of the Christian Action Commission.



John Howell leads a session which deals with dealing with anger.



A fellowship circle brings the family life conference to an end at Gulfshore.

MC Offers General Studies Degree Program

With a decreasing birth rate slowly diminishing the number of high school graduates available for college enrollment, many colleges and universities are unsure about the future of their institutions.

Those who have anticipated the loss of traditional college-bound students, however, have embraced a new concept: lifelong, or continuing education.

Mississippi College, through its rapidly-expanding Division of Continuing Education, has designed a General Studies program as an unique opportunity for an adult to obtain a degree. It will make off-campus study easier and give more adults access to higher education.

Irene White is one of the first success stories of the innovative program. At twenty-nine, she has already advanced in the savings and loan field to Employment Supervisor in Personnel with Unifirst. But she feels a college degree will open new opportunities for her.

"I married when I graduated from high school and soon had two children. It was just impossible to go to college at that time. Now that my children are older, I feel that I can devote time to college work."

The path Irene has set for herself is not an easy one. She works, spends quality time with her family, and still manages to squeeze in classes and study. It may take her as long as six years to get a four-year degree, but she's determined to succeed.

"I want the learning experience of college courses, not just a degree. I think because I've worked and proved myself capable in one area, I'm more realistic about college. My goal is to grow and learn as much as I can."

Working with the Institute of Financial Education, Mississippi College has devised a program that meets Irene's needs. Classroom studies are coordinated with institute requirements, and classes are scheduled for a 12-16 week period meeting after work hours.

Irene has completed the first diploma level of the Institute and will gradually begin work on the required college courses. While she is increasing her knowledge of savings, lending, and accounting procedures, she'll also be learning English, sociology, and psychology.

One of the motivating forces of the General Studies program was the desire by college officials to assist in the education of men and women who have family and career responsibilities. That concept of offering help to the working adult appealed to Irene White.

"My husband is supportive of any advancement I can make in my career, and he's willing to help me in putting forth the extra effort needed to juggle my various roles. The courses are conveniently arranged, and that's the easy part — finding time to read and discipline myself to study are the hard parts of going back to school."

Would Irene White recommend the pursuit of a General Studies degree to others? "Definitely, yes. I think the field of savings and loan is very open especially to women right now, and that more of them will go into jobs with educational benefits. Mississippi College has tailored a program that's right for me, and I intend to take advantage of all the opportunities I can."

Wife, mother, homemaker, career woman, college student — Irene White wears a number of hats, but they all seem to fit her well.

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Just time for a quick supper before my son had to be at a piano lesson. Just as we hurried out, the phone rang. It was a dear friend asking that I bring her child home from piano when I took my son. The hurry caused my son to mash his finger rather severely on the door and we almost didn't make the piano lesson. I drove the three miles to bring the friend's child home and hurried to the store to buy some ribbon for the dress I started early this morning. After selecting my one little roll of yellow ribbon of which I needed one yard measured off, a lady pushed ahead of me with three bolts of cloth and two bolts of lace to be measured. We waited patiently for several minutes. Seeing that the time was so short before we picked up our piano student, I suggested to my daughter

that we leave and come back tomorrow.

Picked up my son from piano and we all went to a Vacation Bible School faculty meeting. He stayed for a second hour to meet with his department. I came home with my daughter.

She and I sat down to crackers and juice as a bedtime snack. She asked, "Mother, have you been praying about what you said you would?" This opened up a few precious moments that any mother would cherish sharing with a wonderful little girl. I assured her that I had not failed a single day to pray about this matter and that God would answer prayer and show His power in this need that she has. A few beautiful bedtime moments were shared and I sat down at the kitchen table. "I must record this day for posterity!" The day is over at last — 9:00 P.M. Just as I started to write. Tele-

phone! A lady was calling to remind me to be at PTA the following night where I am to be installed as next year's president.

Just as I finished writing the events of the day, my son came bounding in from the VBS meeting very excited over plans and responsibilities that he has. We shared the good meeting with all of its details! Then we started to work on the science questions that had been begun much earlier in the day. He stopped short — this was his comment, "There's such a nice atmosphere around here tonight — not all frenzied and hurried."

How does a Christian woman deal with days like this? I believe the secret came between six and seven A.M. I met God in the morning! I'm glad I'm a mother and a homemaker!

Church Training Weeks Feature Nutt, Bennett

Billy Nutt of Alabama and Don Bennett of Jackson will be the worship leaders for two Church Training Leadership Conferences scheduled at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly August 13-15 and August 16-18, according to Norman A. Rodgers, consultant for adult work with the Mississippi Church Training Department.

Headlining the list of conference leaders are three staff members of the Church Training Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board. These are James Cartwright, Ethel McIndoo and Wayne Jenkins.

Nutt is Director of Church Services of the Alabama Baptist Convention and is responsible for coordinating all church program organization departments for Alabama Baptists. Bennett is minister of music at Colonial Heights Church in Jackson.

Cartwright, who will be leading the conference for pastors and Church



Cartwright



Nutt

Training Directors, is a consultant in the growth section of the Church Training Department of the Sunday School Board. McIndoo is a children's consultant and Jenkins is a youth consultant. These will be leading conferences for leaders in their respective areas of work.

Adult and preschool leadership conferences are also planned along with special activities for preschoolers, children ages 6-11, and youth. These however, must be children of adults who are attending for the leadership conferences.

Programs for the two conference periods will be duplicated except for the addition of special conferences August 16-18 for the mentally retarded, their parents and workers.

For reservations write Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, Henderson Point, Pass Christian, MS 39571. For program information write to Church Training Department, Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205.

Fallon, Nev. (RNS) — Eldridge Cleaver, the former Black Panther leader who has become an evangelical Christian, said he plans to buy a 40-acre site near here for a new crusade headquarters. The present Eldridge Cleaver Crusades headquarters in Nenlo Park, Calif., will remain open but the organization needs more space, he said.

Missionaries Receive Guyana Work Permits

GEORGETOWN, Guyana (BP) — Slightly more than a year after they left Guyana, wondering if they'd ever be able to return, Southern Baptist missionaries Charles and Mary Love have been granted government permits to continue their assignments in this South American country.

The Loves are the only Southern Baptist missionaries assigned to the country. Originally five other couples worked there. Four were missionary associates, approved by the government to work only one term. They trained local Baptists to carry on the work. The fifth couple transferred to Belize when their visas were not renewed.

As the time for their year's furlough approached in 1978, the Loves wanted to insure their work would continue. But government permission had not been given for other missionaries to take their place during furlough. They also were uncertain if work permits would be issued for their return.

In May 1978, they left for Abilene, Texas, and requested prayer for the situation. No word came during their furlough. They were troubled over news reports of the Jonestown tragedy in which hundreds in a religious sect died in a mass murder-suicide.

At the completion of their furlough, Charles Love returned to Guyana, hoping work permits would be granted. The next day, an official in the government office where the permits are awarded looked through the Loves' file and said, "I see no problem with this. . . . Actually this was approved some time ago." Apparently a communication gap had occurred.

"It's good to be back in Guyana. . . . It doesn't seem very different from a year ago," he wrote. "Needless to say, I have many details to get worked out this summer. . . . I'm hoping for quick

passage of time until Mary joins me in August. . . . The prayers of many people in many places during the year" are responsible for our return, he said.

Charles P. Love was born in Marion, Ky., and also lived in Boulder, Colo. Mary Leech Love is from Amarillo, Texas.

Chanthaburi, Thailand — Volunteers and special project workers are used many times to fill in while Southern Baptist missionaries are on furlough but who replaces the volunteers when their terms of service have ended? In at least one case, a local Christian has. Perhaps more unusual than that is the fact that this local Christian is a Thai working in refugee camps where many Thai are reluctant to help out. "Many, many Thai are against what I do," Nai Boochuay explains. "But I don't mind working with the refugees. They need help. We are Christians. . . . and we need to help them." For 18 months, Nai Boochuay helped volunteer Robert Stearns, from Vermont, with the agriculture work in the three refugee camps in Thailand where Baptists minister. He resolved the language barrier for Stearns who had limited formal training in Thai.

Re: Church Music Leadership Conference

If you have pre-registered for the Church Music Leadership Conference at Gulfshore July 26-28, and find that your plans must be changed and you can't go, please call Frank Simmons at Gulfshore 452-7103 so he may notify persons on the waiting list. (All space is filled now for that conference.)

SBC Discussion On Inerrancy Of The Bible Is Recounted

A far-reaching action of the recent Southern Baptist Convention was the conclusion of the convention that its constituency overwhelmingly holds to a view that the Bible, totally inspired by God, is inerrant. Many say that "inerrant" is simply a word that cannot possibly describe the majesty of the Bible, but the convention was having to deal in words.

The discussions relating to the inerrancy of the Bible took place following a motion by Wayne Dehoney of Kentucky that the 1963 statement of Baptist Faith and Message be reaffirmed. Major principles in the discussion were Dehoney, Larry Lewis of Missouri, and Herschel Hobbs of Oklahoma. Convention President Adrian Rogers played a behind-the-scenes role.

A transcript of the discussion immediately before the passing of the motion is presented below.

Dehoney: "Dr. Allen, I call to attention this motion of No. 23 in your order of procedure, and I will not read this statement in full; that will take my two minutes, Dr. Allen. But I do have something to say of great significance and importance if you can bear with me long enough to get it all together here, that I think will make us all excited and happy. This statement represents, first of all, our BAPTIST FAITH AND MESSAGE statement of 1925 revised then in 1963 with a year of study spent, made up by a committee from the state presidents of the state conventions and others added to that committee. It came to our convention a unanimous recommendation in 1963 after a year of study and preparation. It was overwhelmingly adopted without changing one comma in the recommendation in 1963. It has served us well. It is an articulate, clear, and great statement of our historic position."

"I have just come from the news conference with our new president, Dr. Adrian Rogers. And he has given me permission, he made this in the news conference, made this statement of his interpretation and understanding of this, and he has given me his permission to say that he takes the same position that I do in that we should not change this historic statement and we should reaffirm it."

"Dr. Rogers and I both take the same position and I want to read to you what his position and my position is on the interpretation of this — the phrase, this particular phrase, 'The Word of God: it has God for its author, salvation for its end and truth without any mixture of error for its matter.' My interpretation and his interpretation of what that means 'without error' is that we understand this to mean that in the original autographs, God's revelation, were perfect and without error, doctrinally, historically, scientifically, and philosophically. If we can all say, 'let's get together on this and go with it, we believe the Bible and we believe God's revelation was perfect to us, and if there are glosses or a passage here — a problem, a textual problem of a word or two, it is human error in the translation that has come, but the original autographs were God's revelation and we have His revelation for us today for the preaching of the gospel and salvation.' I bring that and ask you to support it and let's move on with business here."

Larry Lewis: "Thank you Dr. Allen."

I want to speak in support of Dr. Dehoney's resolution, affirming our historic Baptist belief in the Bible as the perfect treasure of divine instruction and truth without any mixture of error of any kind. As these men have interpreted it so, I accept it as so and thank God that Baptists have been and will continue to be a people of the Book who believe the Bible to be the infallible Word of God. I urge your support of this resolution."

(At this point, Bill Brock of Bradenton, Florida, spoke against the motion.)

Jimmy Allen: "We have one more who has asked to speak. I think I would let him speak whether he was for it or against it because he is Herschel Hobbs. Dr. Hobbs, you come."

Herschel Hobbs: "Thank you, Brother President, and all of you out there and way up yonder. I just simply want to say this. Naturally, since I had the privilege of being the chairman of the committee that presented the revised form of the statement of faith and message of 1925, currently known as the one of 1963, I wanted to make this statement. I naturally support the motion of Dr. Dehoney, the position of our president-elect Adrian Rogers. I simply wanted to make this statement, not arguing for, but for clarification. I have received many letters through the years wanting to know if the committee meant that the Bible is 'truth without any mixture of error,' if that includes the entire Bible or does it just include the part that is truth. Well, obviously, we had reference to the original manuscripts, though no one has ever seen one — none of us has. But we accept that by faith, not by sight. At the same time, I want to say this: the question that has been raised to me by mail — did we mean the whole Bible or just parts of it — never even came up for a squeak of discussion in the committee. The committee understood and so recommended to this convention and if the convention adopted it, the one in Kansas City, the committee understood that to include the whole Bible. Thank you."

IMPORTANT CLARIFICATION
THIS WAS DEHONEY'S AND ALLEN'S INTERPRETATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 23

DEHONEY SPEAKING:
This statement represents our statement of 1925, revised in 1963, made up by committee of convention

president and state convention presidents came to our convention in 1963 with a unanimous recommendation, overwhelmingly without changing one comma.

I have just come from news conference with Dr. Rogers, he gave me his permission to say that he takes this same position as I do, that we should not change this historic statement but reaffirm it.

APPLAUSE

Dr. Rogers and I take this same position. . . .

I want to read to you this phrase and our interpretation: "It (the Bible) has truth without any mixture of error."

My interpretation and his is we understand this to mean that in the original autographs God's revelation was perfect and without error doctrinally, historically, scientifically, and philosophically. If we can all say, "Let's get together and go with it, we believe the Bible and God's revelation was perfect to us and if there are glosses, a passage here, a textual problem of a word or two, it is human error thru translation, but the original autographs were God's revelation and we have his revelation for us today for the preaching of the Gospel."

I bring that and ask you to support it.

DR. LARRY LEWIS:

Support Dr. Dehoney's resolution, affirming "truth without any mixture of error of any kind" and as these men have interpreted it, so I accept it as so and thank God, Baptists have been and will continue to be People of the Book.

DR. HERSCHEL HOBBS:

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Aid For Missionaries . . .

Mississippians Fight Double Taxation

Legislation has been introduced in the U. S. Senate that would restore the exemption from federal income taxes the first \$20,000 of the salaries of American missionaries serving overseas. Three Mississippians are involved in trying to get that legislation shelved.

The bill was introduced by Mississippi Senator Thad Cochran as a counter measure to the Foreign Earned Income Act of 1978, which requires that religious and charitable workers overseas must pay an additional \$1,000 to \$4,000 per year in taxes, according to reports.

This doesn't mean much until one

realizes that in many cases those missionaries are also paying income taxes in the nations where they are working. Thus they would be taxed twice on the same income.

In order to keep from penalizing the missionaries in such fashion the Foreign Mission Board could be forced to spend an additional \$1 million per year in equalization efforts. The simplest solution would be to leave the tax set up as it is. The missionaries' salaries without the extra taxes are generally somewhat less than what other Americans working overseas have left after taxes are paid.

Cochran points out also that inflation and the declining U. S. dollar make it hard for workers on religious and charitable organization payrolls to meet expenses and pay the stiffer taxes. His bill is Senate Bill S. 1372.

For those who would wish to express their views, the bill is in the Senate Finance Committee, which has Sen. Russell Long of Louisiana as chairman.

The Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention supports the bill, and again a Mississippian is involved, Joe McKeever, pastor of First Baptist Church, Columbus, is a member of the Administrative Com-

mittee of the board. He affirms that the board supports the bill, and likely he will have more explanation of it in a future issue of the Baptist Record.

A companion bill, was scheduled to be introduced in the House this week, also by a Mississippian. He is Rep. David Bowen of Cleveland. At the time of this writing the number of the bill was not known, but it will be assigned to the Ways and Means committee of the House. The chairman of that committee is Al Ullman.

The Baptist Record will keep its readers informed about the matter. This is an issue that Baptists need to be aware of.



Faces And Places

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

Etta

She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness (Proverbs 31:27).

One bonus I got when I married W. D. was a big family. To my one sister Betty I added his two brothers George and Speedy and six sisters, Minnie, Odell, Helen, Vera, M. E., and Etta. Let me tell you about Etta. As far as I know, she has never sailed a clipper ship around Cape Horn in a storm like I read that one woman did, but she can do just about anything else.

She and her husband Bill Hodnett live in Sharkey County in a large brick duplex made by remodeling the old Straight Bayou School. Etta, the carpenter, lowered the high ceilings in several rooms, and installed butcher block counters on her cabinets. She wallpapered the kitchen, dining room, and living room.

Bill laughed when he told me, "Etta and I started going together in our teens and had nine children and 14 grandchildren before we married!"

I had to think a little to figure that out. When Etta was 18 she and Bill started dating, and fell in love. Then the McWilliams family moved to another community — not far, but too far for Bill to follow in his old T-Model. Eventually Etta married Harold Pass and went to live in Water Valley. Bill married Beatrice Skeen and stayed at Straight Bayou. He had four sons and a daughter, Gene, Buddy, Dewitt, Ruben, and Sarah. She had three daughters and a son, Betty, Wanda, Martha, and Bobby John. When both their mates died, Bill and Etta had not seen each other for 36 years. They met again on July 5, 1968; seven weeks later, on September 1, they got married.

All four of Bill's sons live nearby and the five of them farm together — a little unusual today, when most young men move to the city. They cultivate 3000 acres, 800 in irrigated green rice fields along the Sunflower River, and the rest in soybeans. (The June 10 Memphis Mid-South printed a feature on them and their rice farming.) Etta and Bill attend Straight Bayou

Church, where Harold Jones is pastor and where all four of Bill's sons are deacons.

Most every fall Etta and Bill and the Hodnett brothers hunt wild game in Colorado. Etta's den is a trophy room — displaying a coyote, a bobcat, a fox, a wild turkey, wild geese, wild ducks, a black squirrel, and seven deer. Etta shot some of the deer and ducks. You couldn't pay me to shoot an animal, but I have to admit that venison is the best meat I ever tasted.

She is a carpenter, a farmer, and a hunter, but that doesn't mean she is any less a woman. I don't know her age, but she's past 60, and she's still beautiful — five feet, nine inches tall, the same height as her husband, with blue eyes and white hair.

Last fall Etta and W. D. went to Grenada Lake for a few days fishing. When I joined them on Saturday I don't know which of them was enjoying fishing the most. That night before I could even collect my wits Etta had the day's catch cleaned and in the skillet frying. A cake she'd already cooked was on the table. She admitted she was a little more tired than usual, because the week before she had walked all over 800 acres helping to burn the straw off the rice fields.

While she lived in Water Valley she worked 20 years for the Big Yank Manufacturing Company. Also she made clothes for her daughters and herself, and now sometimes sews for her grandchildren as well.

Every year she plants and harvests and cans or freezes loads of vegetables. One day recently she canned 63 quarts of beans.

She's fun. She's kind and compassionate — and she's too generous for her own good. Always she's giving us jars of jelly and food for our freezer, usually with all the work finished but the cooking and eating — even bags of pecans already shelled. Wouldn't you consider such a sister a nice bonus?

Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her own works praise her in the gates (Proverbs 31:31).

Guest Opinion . . .

Epidemic Alcoholism In Mississippi

By John Rankin

"What is morally wrong in an individual cannot be right in a State."

And history, with a thousand voices, tells us that the woes of every people are in striking proportion to their vices."

From, the Mississippi Baptist State Convention's "Memorial to the Constitutional Convention of Mississippi of 1890."

When these words were written, the Mississippi State Mental Hospital had admitted only a handful of "dipsomania" patients over a period of more than 40 years. First admissions to the State Hospital rose from seven in the 1924-25 biannual report to 188 in the 1951 biannual report, while readmissions increased from zero to 51 during the same period. From 1972 thru 1977, alcohol admissions to the State's two mental hospitals, Parchman Penitentiary's alcohol program, the two Veterans Administration Hospitals, the Department of Mental Health's 17 community programs, and seven private alcohol treatment programs, had a combined total of over 41,000 alcoholic treatment admissions.

Since 1977, the Mississippi State Department has already opened or is now in the process of opening 15 additional alcohol programs made possible through additional taxation of liquor store sales to meet the rising tide of alcohol abuse casualties in our state. These programs, primarily halfway houses for the treatment of alcoholics, are designed to treat a combined total of approximately 2,700 alcoholics a year. This effort will increase the 1977 treatment capacity by about 34 per-

cent by 1980 to an annual treatment capacity of over 11,000 alcoholic admissions a year.

Mississippi officials are preparing to treat alcoholics at a rate of over 100,000 admissions a decade at a tremendous cost to the citizens of the State.

The State Mental Health Department's 1980 alcohol plan shows about 1,800 primary problem alcohol admissions and a treatment budget of \$1,203,700, or about \$670 per admission. But even if the average cost of treatment was only \$500, the cost of treating 100,000 alcoholic patients would be at least \$50,000,000 over a 10-year period (with no allowance for inflation of health care costs, fuel shortages, etc.), compared to an estimated expense of about \$20,000,000 for those treated from 1972-1977.

However, even these astounding casualty and cost projections assume alcohol admissions will remain constant for a 10-year period. In the past, alcohol admissions for state programs have risen partly due to the expansion of treatment facilities. Therefore, in addition to looking at trends in treatment admissions we may turn to indicators reported by agencies which have not experienced massive increases in capacity.

Prohibition of liquor and wine was repealed in Mississippi on July 1, 1966. Since then, Mississippi has experienced a massive, costly, and tragic increase in alcohol abuse and its attendant problems.

Alcohol beverage cases (of liquor and wine) sold by the ABC increased 84 percent from 1970-1978, while the state population rose only 8.7 percent.

Deaths due to alcoholic cirrhosis of the liver increased 188.8 percent from 1966 to 1976. Admissions to private alcohol treatment programs jumped 398.6 percent, those to community mental health centers rose 236.6 percent, and admissions to Parchman Penitentiary's alcohol program rose 161.9 percent, all in just the six years from 1972 to 1977.

Moonshine confiscations by the ABC dropped 90 percent from 1971 to 1978, but confiscations of bootleg (legal, untaxed) liquor rose 147.5 percent during the same period.

Alcoholism among mature males, who account for the great majority of the statistics given earlier, typically takes about 10 years or more to lead to severe symptoms such as alcoholic cirrhosis and to result in admission for treatment. Thus most of the large increase in alcoholism problems over the last decade originated in prohibition era drinking patterns. The rapid rise of alcohol consumption during the 1970's predicts a similar increase in the need for alcohol treatment during the 1980's if existing alcohol use casualty rates persist as they have in the recent past.

Per capita consumption of alcohol beverages other than beer, mostly liquor, has risen about 65 percent from 1970 to 1978. An equal increase in alcoholism treatment admissions, applied to the estimate given earlier, would project 165,000 admissions during the 1980's and an approximate proportionate cost of over \$82,000,000 treatment dollars, not counting inflationary influences.

The prevention of alcohol abuse through religious, educational, and

habilitation programs is a more rational approach to the problem than is the continuous expansion of treatment services to chronic alcoholics, but even prevention and treatment combined are inadequate answers to the wave of alcoholism rising in Mississippi. Restriction of the supply of alcohol is also a logical and necessary step, just as it is with other drugs of abuse.

Alcoholism rises in direct proportion to alcohol consumption, and consumption increases with ease of availability. Mississippi has averaged 112.5 new permits for liquor stores from 1971-1978, along with a two-thirds increase in renewal permits for the same period. Arrests by the Alcohol Beverage Commission in 1978 were only 61 percent of the number of arrests in 1971, although convictions were 19 percent higher.

A telling conclusion offered by an historical analysis of prohibition in Mississippi was:

"After considering the strong proponents of prohibition in Mississippi, it is still uncertain that prohibition would have lost a state-wide referendum in 1966."

Nor is it clear that prohibition would have lost a statewide referendum in 1976, the highest year on record for deaths due to alcoholic cirrhosis in Mississippi. If existing trends in alcoholism are allowed to continue, by 1986 a state-wide prohibition referendum may be a probability rather than the possibility it is now.

John Rankin is an independent consultant and social analyst, Jackson, Ms.

Letters To The Editor

Canadian at Golden Gate

Editor: This letter will prove two things. First, I get your paper. Second, I read your editorials. Let me also thank you for the fine article about the trustees meeting at Golden Gate Seminary.

In your editorial concerning Southern Baptists in Canada, you referred to Allen Schmidt. Allen is a graduate of Golden Gate Seminary and one that we are very proud of. He has done a tremendous work in Canada and is the former president of the Northwest Baptist Convention. He and Kathryn are two of the dearest people that I know of, and they have been very helpful in the development work of Golden Gate Seminary.

I know that you thoroughly enjoyed

the visit with these good people, and we trust that you will return to Canada soon by way of Golden Gate Seminary.

Stanton H. Nash
Vice President for Development
Golden Gate Seminary

Thanks. I would like very much to do that. And your letter will serve to place Allen Schmidt at Golden Gate Seminary rather than at Southwestern.—Editor

Robison's Legal Battle

Editor: "Robison Cancels Bryant, Gets \$1,000 A Month From Criswell" is typical of secular newspaper reporting, but should the Christian's standard be lowered in order to bias the reader? If one proceeds to read the article, (perhaps 65 percent do not) the truth is that the First Baptist Church in Dallas voted \$1,000 per month toward the support of James Robison's legal battle to preach God's truth as it is revealed to him. This is no easy job as Amos, Jeremiah, Paul, and Stephen can testify.

Secondly, the Association canceled Anita's appearance out of fear for her safety. She admits to being a virtual prisoner in her own home.

Just this week reports were finally released (nearly 20 years later) that the Dallas police may have covered up the Mob's responsibility for the assassination of our President. Do you think these brave proclaimers of God's truth are curing the favor of this same Mob? I seriously doubt that James is resting on the flowery beds of ease, nor does he want to.

Personally, I feel sensation seeking headlines ought not to be a part of Christian publications. "First Baptist Dallas supports Robison's Legal Battle" is a much more honest headline. Pray to God that in our naive we do not become a part of all the forces which are out to destroy everything good and decent. Satan is a wry Master at undermining the "Kingdom's"

work, and I trust you will find it in your heart to be "Christlike" in all your reporting.

Sincerely,
Dorothy Stevens

Headlines are hard to write at best, and this one was no exception. I believe, however, that if you will read the story again you will find there is nothing in it that would indicate that First Baptist Church, Dallas, is supporting James Robison's legal battle. It may be doing so, but the story doesn't say it. There is no mention of a vote.—Editor.

Vacation Bible School?

Editor: Fairview Baptist Church (Itawamba County), says YES!!! to Vacation Bible School.

On June 11-15, the Fairview Church was led in Vacation Bible School by Larry Dulaney, assisted by Jerry

Graham. Of course, several other workers were enlisted to help. Different members of the church also furnished refreshments to the children each evening.

The church was a total of 163 resident members. The average attendance for the VBS was a wonderful 83.

It may be likely that Vacation Bible School workers across the state ask themselves, "Why did I ever agree to work in VBS?" Workers at Fairview were rewarded for their labors on Friday night when 17 young people were saved, with one rededication. Nine of these people united with the Fairview Baptist Church that following Sunday. Parents or pastors of the others were notified of the decisions made for Christ. All of the workers were extremely happy and received a blessing from this year's Vacation Bible School.

The entire congregation, as well as the pastor, continues to praise the Lord for these great victories for Christ!

Ray Gholston
Pastor

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Book Reviews

THE ELECTRIC CHURCH by Ben Armstrong (Thomas Nelson, 192 pp., \$7.95) The story of radio and television evangelism, beginning with the earliest radio broadcasts of 1921, and chronicling the record through such programs as the "Old Fashioned Revival Hour," "The Lutheran Hour," and similar programs to today's widespread use of both television and radio around the world. It is an exciting story of how God has led men and denominations in the use of this media, which now reach vast numbers of people. The great worth of this ministry today is carefully evaluated, and the problems raised by some modern "superstars" are frankly faced. This is a valuable historical record and a

useful resource book for those dealing with this giant ministry. It is well written and easy to read.

KEEP THESE THINGS — PONDER THEM IN YOUR HEART by Miriam Huffman Rockness (Doubleday, \$7.95, 216 pp.) Here is a warm and positive book about motherhood, written by a mother of three. The book opens with "Open Letter to My Mother" in which Mrs. Rockness recalls her happy childhood and closes with "Open Letter to My Daughter" in which she makes a commitment to pass this heritage on to her children. In between she shows the home as a framework for nurturing strong character and creativity.

WHEN I RELAX I FEEL GUILTY by Tim Hansel (David C. Cook, paper, \$3.95, 150 pp.) Joy is supposed to be a spiritual fruit, says the author — so why are so many Christians convinced that they aren't serving God unless they're exhausted, running here and there, and miserable? Hansel tells about his re-evaluation of his own activities, how he began to see "work" and "leisure" in their true sense. He offers the reader workable and original suggestions for reorienting his or her lifestyle to one that is more relaxed and joyous, and yet godly. Hansel is director of a mountaineering and wilderness survival school. He was formerly a college professor and once sailed 25,000 miles in a 43-foot sloop.

What Do You Know About Jerry Merriman?

By Anne McWilliams

What do you know about Jerry Merriman? That last month he succeeded Ralph Winders as director of the Department of Student Work of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board? True. But did you know that he is a musician, an ordained deacon, and the co-author of three books? Did you know he was once varsity baseball pitcher for Mississippi State? You knew that his internship in student work was done under the guiding hand of Chester Swor, who is probably the most popular student worker of them all. But did you know that while with Swor he studied BSU organizations on 70 campuses? Did you know that the gavel in his office is an inheritance from the year he was BSU president at Mississippi State? Did you know he has studied at the European Baptist Seminary in Switzerland?

Did you know he learned to play the trombone while in grammar school? That he traveled around the world before he married, and then like the man in *Acres of Diamonds*, found treasure (a bride) — so to speak — in his own back yard? Did you know that he and his six-year-old son have a cooperative garden plot?

How Jerry got into student work full-time is a long story that goes back to his native town of Lufkin, Texas. The main purpose of the Baptist student work department, as he sees it, "has been and will continue to be introducing the student to Jesus Christ and helping him to grow as a Christian."

He stated, "Mr. Winders left a rich legacy, the best team of student directors anywhere and good tools to get our job done. I hope I can maintain that legacy." And he added, "Student workers have to be flexible, remembering that every person is an individual and every campus has a different situation. How we get the job done will change according to the needs out there to be met."

In Lufkin High School Jerry lettered in football and baseball and played intramural basketball. Then a four-year scholarship in baseball, at State, sent him to Mississippi.

Members of Calvary Baptist Church in Lufkin, where Jerry had been baptized at the age of nine, and First Church, where he was a member during high school years, encouraged him to become active in BSU. "It proved to be the most meaningful organization on campus to me. Roy Isbell and

Frank Horton, student directors, made a tremendous impression on me," he recalls.

"I had my life all figured out," he said. "I wanted to be a professional baseball player, so I majored in business administration to be able to manage the million dollars I would make."

In the meantime he worked two summers to earn extra money, as a railroad brakeman in Texas. A previous job had involved digging ditches. It didn't take him long to find out he wanted no career at the end of a shovel.

After graduation he was summer counselor at Camp Rockmont, Black Mountain, North Carolina. There he hoped to find an answer about what the Lord wanted him to do — if it would be baseball or something else. It was a good summer, but provided no real answers. On a trip to New York City he definitely realized that the next step should be to enroll at Southwestern Seminary. By the time he had earned the M.R.E. degree there he was pretty sure the place the Lord had for him was in student work.

Then Chester Swor, with whom he had been corresponding for several years, offered him an internship in Baptist student work. The two had

been friends since the counselor-lecturer-writer had led a youth revival in Lufkin. During the three-year internship with Swor Jerry made an intensive study of BSU organizations on many campuses.

In Dr. Swor's revivals and conferences, Jerry sang, and directed music and youth activities. Also he assisted in missions to Hawaii, the Canal Zone, Canada, the Bahamas, and Europe. "I can't put into words all I owe Dr. Swor," he declared.

For three years (after the internship) Jerry was Swor's full-time associate. With him he wrote *The Teen-Age Slant*, *Youth at Bat*, and *To Enrich Each Day*. Now he is compiling a biography of Swor.

Though he had known Rhonda Cox for quite a few years (his mother and her father work with the same company in Lufkin) Jerry did not really SEE her until they met at a revival he and Dr. Swor were leading at First Church, in Lufkin in 1968. Rhonda is a graduate of Texas Christian University. She and Jerry now have two children, John David, 6, and Joy Elizabeth, 4.

Jerry's father, J. G. Merriman, died in 1971 at the age of 69. He was a molder

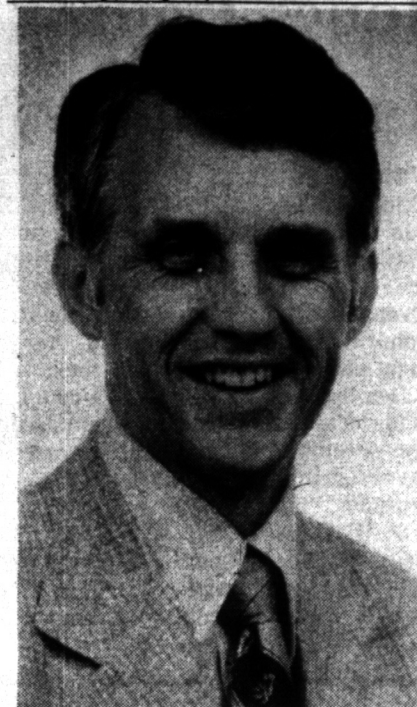
with the Lufkin Foundry and Machine Shop. His mother and step-father, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Collins, continue to live in Lufkin.

While Jerry was director of BSU at Mississippi State from 1969 until 1975, First Church, Starkville ordained him as a deacon. After he moved to Jackson in 1975 to become associate director of the Mississippi Baptist Department of Student Work, he joined First Baptist Church, Jackson. He and Rhonda are teachers in the 4-5 Year Sunday School Department. Until lately he has been singing in the Sanctuary Choir — sometimes as soloist — but now his children are in "big church" so he likes to sit with them and their mother.

"It is important to outline where we are going," he said, "and then make priorities." He makes time for his family, and he makes time to play golf.

He and John David have tomatoes in their back yard garden, and squash and corn and peppers. "John David is entranced at the way plants grow!"

A few weeks ago the boy asked his father how to be saved. Jerry talked to him a long time about Jesus and why He came. He said, "At six, John David has more capacity for faith, than I do



Merriman

now as an adult. I really believe he had a genuine experience. Next day he told me, 'Daddy, I've just GOT to tell people about Jesus!'"

Looking back, he sums it up: "I have had a lot of opportunities. It is amazing when you see how the Lord can take your experiences and put them all together. If you offer Him your abilities, and develop them, then He will open the doors."



Packing for Mission Venture '79, Los Barrancos, Mexico. Kneeling: Rick Spencer. Left to right: Scott Williams, Tommy Hughes, Terry Pinson, Julie Miller, Mrs. Farrell Blankenship, all from First Church, Hattiesburg.

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way or have their way paid by sponsors. The other volunteers have at least a portion of their way paid by the Foreign Mission Board.

The latest Mission Service Corps additions bring to 94 the total who have served or are now serving overseas. At this point, 43 Mission Service Corps workers are in 25 countries. A total of 48 persons has been approved this year for the other program in which volunteers also serve a year overseas.

Those appointed career missionaries were Mr. and Mrs. R. Lamon Brown of Alabama, assigned to India; Mr. and Mrs. H. R. (Hal) Hostetler Jr., South Dakota and Virginia, respectively, to Panama; Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Johnson, Virginia and Texas, to South Brazil; Mr. and Mrs. R. Patton McFadden, South Carolina and Alabama, to Dominican Republic; Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Ginald Quimby, Florida and Texas, to Spain; and Mr. and Mrs. H. Douglas Rayburn, Alabama, to Mexico.

Also appointed were Mr. and Mrs. Gene R. Roach, New Mexico and Alabama, to Tanzania; Mr. and Mrs. G. James Simpkins IV, Alabama, to Argentina; Mr. and Mrs. Stanley B. Smith, South Carolina and Wisconsin, to Philippines; Janis Sumerlin, Texas, to South Brazil; Mr. and Mrs. G. J. (Jack) Vandenhengel Jr., Pennsylvania and Virginia, to Argentina; Mr. and Mrs. Michael P. Walker, Illinois and Massachusetts, to Ghana, and Mr. and Mrs. David R. Young, Oklahoma and Mississippi, to Austria.

Four Get Degrees At Southwestern

Four Mississippi students received degrees during the summer commencement exercise July 13 at Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth.

Seminary President Russell H. Dilday, Jr., presented degrees and diplomas to 197 candidates from the seminary's three schools. Eugene Aultman, Hall, president of Oklahoma Baptist University, delivered the commencement address.

Mississippi graduates are Larry L. Aultman, Hattiesburg, D. Min.; Henry Iverson Magee, Tyler, M.Div.; Ronny Lynn Walker, Columbia, M.R.E.; and John Purser White, Jr., Jackson, M.Div.

1st, Hattiesburg Group Will Minister On The Rio Grande

Forty-six Youth and Adults from First Church, Hattiesburg left July 12 for Mission Venture '79 to the little village of Los Barrancos, Mexico.

This is the fifth year that a group from First, Hattiesburg, has been involved in this multi-mission endeavor. The work is under the Rio Grande River Ministry, of the Texas Baptist Convention in small villages along Texas-Mexico.

Farrell Blankenship, minister of education, and Liz Young, minister of youth/activities are coordinators of the mission trip. The group will do Day Camp ministry in Los Barrancos under direction of Gayle Davis and Liz Young, and Backyard Bible Club work in the Baptist church at Presidio, Texas, under direction of Farrell Blankenship.

Other mission ministries will include: dental ministry under direction of Dr. and Mrs. David Miller; medical ministry under Dr. Bennett Smith and Mrs. John Green; classes in family health care taught by Mrs. Green, and religious survey in the small town of Shafter. The group will return July 21.

Others making the trip are Mrs. Farrell Blankenship, Chuck Davis, Mrs. Julie Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Williams, Woodrow Rushing, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Harris, Joe Thrash, Chryl Goolsby, Lise Gary, Bobby Quick, Tommy Hughes, Shelley Alcorn, Penny Lofton, Caren Chatham, Scott Williams; Michelle Williams, Terry Pinson,

Robin Laird, Kelly Hill, Sammy Cox, Dianne Montgomery, Susan Thomas, Toni King, Andy Davis, John Williams, Jennifer Brown, Jimmy McFatter, Claire Green, Rick Spencer, Billy Hughes, Sara Woodruff, Tim Kelly, Kellie Blankenship, Scott Spell, Suzanne Spell, Chip Huey, and Melissa Thrash.

The youth and adults have been at work many weeks training for this en-

deavor. Some have made the trip every year; for others it will be the first year. Lt. Harold Howell will fly down from Reese Air Force Base, Tex. to help the group get set up. Another alumnus of each mission trip is Burney Johnson, who is serving full-time this summer with the river ministry in Laredo, Tex.

Brooks Wester is pastor.

"Silent Song"

Deaf Youth Choir From Dallas Will Appear At Woodland Hills

"Silent Song," deaf youth choir of Silent Friends Chapel, First Baptist Church, Dallas, Tex., will appear in concert at Woodland Hills Church, Jackson, on July 29, at 7 p.m. The public is invited. Vesta D. Bice is director of deaf youth at Silent Friends Chapel and Joe D. Johnson is the pastor.

Singapore — Although the Singapore Baptist Convention is only four years old, it has taken a bold step by beginning its first foreign mission project. Working in conjunction with Calvary Baptist Church in Jakarta, Indonesia, and the Association of Indonesia Baptist Churches, Singapore Baptists sent Mr. and Mrs. Johannes Herryanto to Banjil, Lampung on the Indonesian island of Sumatra to begin Baptist work.

States are as the men are; they grow out of human characters. — Plato

BWA Body Plans Relief, Evangelism Cooperation

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"In places like India, Burma, and the Philippines, the moving of God's spirit is felt in great measure," he said. "Growth is phenomenal. It is our hope that similar victories shall be in evidence in every part of the world."

Denny said that the council also adopted resolutions on world hunger, the energy crisis, international year of the child, the plight of dispossessed and homeless people, and religious liberty and human rights.

The council also proposed changes in the BWA's constitution and bylaws to make the world fellowship more responsive to the programs of its 115 affiliated national conventions and unions in 120 countries. The affiliated unions are comprised of 115,000 churches with 29.6 million members.

Four new denominational bodies — in the Philippines, Ecuador, Sierra Leone, and the USA — were admitted to Alliance membership. The American group is the Union of Latvian Baptists in the USA.

In other business, the council approved an operating budget of \$561,000 for 1980 and heard treasurer Fred B.

Rhodes project a budget of \$633,000 for 1981 operations.

All 12 vice presidents and two past presidents were present for the sessions. However, President Wong was absent because of a respiratory illness that struck him in New York enroute to England.

Attendance of three representatives from Burma marked the first time in 16 years that delegates had been permitted to leave that socialist nation to participate in a world Baptist gathering.

In addition to General Council sessions, the week was filled with meetings of related committees. These included the Conference of International Mission Secretaries; four study commissions on church life, doctrine and inter-church cooperation, Christian ethics, and freedom, justice and peace; and the Alliance's division committees on communications, evangelism and education, relief and development, and study and research.

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Missionaries now on furlough in Mississippi, or who will be soon, are:

NAME	COUNTRY	FURLOUGH DATE	ADDRESS
Schooler, John Clara	South West Africa	4-02-79 12-26-79	Box 542, Clinton 39056
Williams, Robert D. Ruby	Niger Republic	4-15-79 10-30-79	3511 Northview, Jackson 39206
Davis, W. Ralph Joyce (RN)	Ghana	5-06-79 10-24-79	101 S. 15th, Hattiesburg 39401
Williams, Van W. Sarah	India	5-30-79 5-30-80	5705 Dunwoody St., Memphis 38117
White, Jerry Glenda	Korea	6-01-79 6-01-80	715 E. Northside Dr. Jackson 39206
Frederick, L. W. Florence	Guadeloupe	6-15-79 6-15-80	3331 Old Canton Rd., Jackson 39216
Rankin, Jerry A. Bobbye	Indonesia	6-21-79 1-15-80	404 Katharine Fulton 38843
Myers, S. Payton Helen	Nigeria	6-27-79 12-27-79	Rt. 1, Box 329, West Point 39773
Lee, Paul D., Jr. Brenda	Spain	7-01-79 3-25-80	799 Pine Circle, Starkville 39759
Simmons, O. Errol Mary	Spain	7-02-79 7-02-80	100 Georgia Ave., Hattiesburg 39401
Davis, Gerald C. Glenda	Philippines	7-10-79 4-03-80	520 Magazine Street, Tupelo 38801
Kolb, Raymond L. Ann	Brazil	7-15-79 2-15-80	117 Trailwood, Clinton 39056
Young, James F. Guinevere	Bangladesh	8-01-79 6-13-80	1625 Easy St., Yazoo City 39194
Barrentine, J. L. Joan (RN)	Paraguay	8-07-79 5-16-80	Box 68, Crystal Springs 39059
Gray, Elton Pierce Dorothy (Dollie)	Okinawa	8-07-79 2-03-80	5746 Cherokee Dr., Walls 38680
Redmon, Donald H. Jo	Costa Rica	8-29-79 8-29-80	2334 Coronet Place, Jackson 39204
Lee, Hal B., Jr. Lou Ann	France	9-16-79 5-30-80	FBC, Clinton 39056
Kellum, J. L., Jr. Paulette	Philippines	2-28-79 9-12-79	334 North Circle, Clarksdale 38614

Missionaries emeritus living in Mississippi are:

NAME	COUNTRY	ADDRESS
Appleby, Mrs. D. P.	Brazil	127 E. Academy, Canton 39046
Roberson, Cecil F. Marie	Nigeria	3417 Poplar Springs, Meridian 39301
Pender, S. Auris	Singapore	520 S. Natchez St., P. O. Box 212, Kosciusko 39090
Montroy, Edythe I.	Nigeria	241 Sage Ave., Drew 38737
Ogburn, Georgia M.	Chile	2007 A 24th Ave., Meridian 39301
Harris, Florence	China	108 Sunset Drive, Clinton 39056

Jones County Sponsors James Robison Crusade

The Jones County James Robison Crusade will begin Sunday, July 22 and run through Wednesday, July 25 at Watkins Stadium in Laurel. Nightly meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. Evangelist James Robison and soloist John McKay will be featured each night along with other special music.

Don Crocker of Laurel is chairman of the local crusade executive committee. A total of 46 local churches are involved in jointly sponsoring the crusade.

D. J. Bensen, pastor of Salem Heights Church, Laurel, is pastoral adviser to the Christian Growth committee. Assisting from West Laurel

Church are Michael W. Burt, minister of music, for the music committee and Wayne L. DuBose, pastor, for the personal evangelism committee.

Frank Harmon, pastor of Magnolia Street Church in Laurel is advising the publicity committee and Ralph Smith, pastor of Trinity Church, Laurel, is advising the usher committee.

Terry Booth, pastor of Indian Springs Church in Laurel, is advising the youth committee, and Harold C. Ishee, pastor of Plainway Church, Laurel, is advising the arrangements committee. Thomas Broadhead, pastor of First Church of Sharon, is adviser to the telephone committee.

Revival Dates

Andrew Chapel, (Rankin Association): July 22-July 27; 7:30 nightly; Tom Larrimore, preaching and singing; Sunday Services at 11 a.m. Lunch served at 12 noon with afternoon services. J. T. Pannell, pastor.

Briar Hill (Rankin): July 22-27; Sunday at 11 a.m., followed by dinner on the grounds and night service at 7:15; weekdays at 6:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; John Hildun, pastor, McDowell Road, Jackson, evangelist; Mrs. Maxine Taylor, Sunshine Church, Pearl, music director; Roy Garrison, pastor.

Cato (Rankin): July 22-27; Wayne G. Berry, pastor of Galilee First Church, Gloster, evangelist; Sunday - 10 SS, 11 Worship, 1:30 afternoon worship, no evening service; Mon.-Fri. 7:30 p.m. G. R. (Ricky) Gray, pastor.

Calvary, Silver Creek: July 29-Aug. 3; Ernest Sadler, pastor at Easthaven Church, Brookhaven, evangelist; Hubert Greer, Brookhaven, music evangelist; Doug Warren, pastor; Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; during the week at 7:30 p.m.

Calhoun Church, Hot Coffee: July 22-27; H. A. Merritt, Hattiesburg, evangelist; Tre Carter, Collins, song leader; Sunday at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.; Mon.-Fri. at 7:30 p.m.

Ridgecrest, Hattiesburg: July 22-27; services at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Walton Douglas, evangelist; Odell Tebo, pastor; Ford Broome, music director.

Springfield Church, Natchez: homecoming revival; July 22-28; Homecoming Sunday will be July 22; Glen Mullins, pastor.

Antioch Church (Brandon): July 22-27; Johnny Parks, evangelist; Billy Beavers, music evangelist; Sunday morning at 11 a.m., followed by dinner on the grounds; Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Martin Williams, pastor.

Red Banks (Marshall): July 22-27; at 7:30 p.m.; Diane and Tommy Winders of Tupelo, evangelistic team.

First Church, Belzoni (Humphreys County): July 22-27; Sunday 8:30, 11 a.m., and 7 p.m.; Mon.-Fri. 7 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Thomas D. Lea, Southwestern Seminary, evangelist, Mr. and Mrs. Randy Weeks, Louisville, Ky., music evangelists; Billy McKay, pastor.

Satartia Church: July 15-20; Victor Johnson, pastor of Cranfield Church, Roxie, and former pastor at Satartia, evangelist; Jim Bazemore, pastor, song leader; Homecoming Day, July 15, with morning service at 11 and singing and a memorial service in the afternoon.

Hebron (Grenada): July 22-27; Manuel Weeks, pastor; W. C. "Buddy" Burns, Garland, Tex., evangelist; William Brown, Maplesville, Ala., music evangelist; services at 7:30 p.m.

Ruth Church: July 22-27; James Fancher, evangelist, of Jackson; Hubert Greer, music evangelist, of Brookhaven; services at 8 a.m. Mon.-Fri. and evening services at 7:30; Charles Guy, pastor; services Sunday at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. and a noon meal to be served at the church.

Ebenezer (Jeff Davis): July 22-27; S. A. "Sonny" Atkins, evangelist; David Rogers, musician; Ralph Cranford, pastor; Sunday at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. with dinner on the grounds; during the week at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

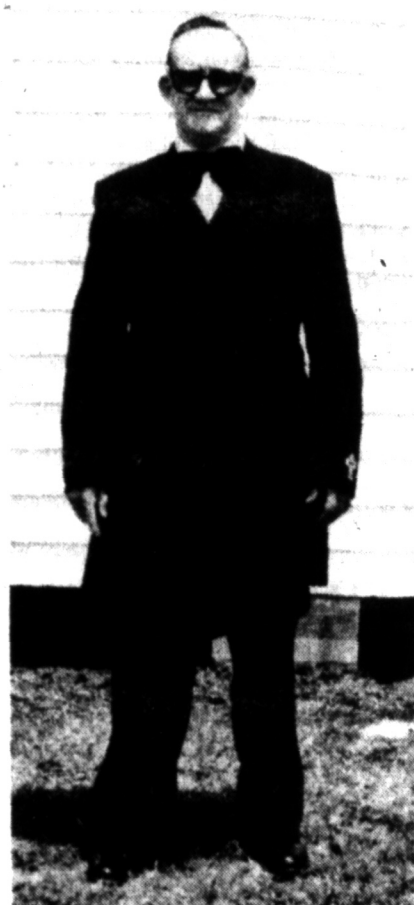
East Fork Church, Smithdale: July 22-27; services Sunday morning and afternoon with dinner on the church grounds; week-day at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; C. I. Miller, pastor, Wood Haven Church, Ocean Springs, evangelist; Kenneth White, McComb, song leader; Maurice Wicker, pastor.

Enon (Walthall): July 22-27; Donald O'Quin, pastor, First Church, Charleston, evangelist; Leon Dunn, music director; W. P. Blair, pastor; services Sunday 11 a.m. 1 p.m.; Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m. and 7:30 a.m.



Red Creek Union celebrates its Centennial this year.

President Carter Congratulates Red Creek Union On Centennial



William Moote, pastor, Red Creek Union, dressed in 1879 fashion.

President Carter sent a certificate of congratulation to Red Creek Union on the church's centennial.

The congregation had a special service recently in which former pastors spoke. Dinner for all was served in the nearby kitchen of the Masonic Temple.

The church history was read by the clerk, Mrs. Norman Flurry. The highlights are as follows:

The church was organized in 1879 under direction of James T. Johnston.

In 1880 Red Creek Union was one of 17 churches to organize the Red Creek Union Baptist Association in Perry County which represented six counties.

In 1903 the church and Daisy Lodge built a two-story building with 26 windows for \$787. The lodge used the upstairs, and the bottom story was used as the church.

In 1921 the church petitioned the Gulf Coast Baptist Association and asked for and was accepted in that association.

In September, 1923 they withdrew from that association when the Jackson County Baptist Association was formed.

In 1974 the Daisy Lodge moved to a new location, and the church remodeled the building for a cost of \$11,467. William Moote has been pastor since 1963.

Staff Changes

Robert (Rocky) Crocker, former part-time youth director at Pinelake Church in Rankin County, has entered residency work in Chattanooga, TN. He was youth director at Pinelake while a medical student in Jackson. **Joe Collum**, who is with IBM, has resigned as part-time music director at Pinelake because of additional responsibilities with his company. **Mark Scott**, a student at New Orleans Seminary, has been called as part-time music and youth director.

Daniel E. Forsee has resigned as pastor of Damascus Church, Hazlehurst, to accept the call of Bethany Church, Wilmington, Del. He has served Damascus for 21 months; during this time the church has experienced growth. July 15 was Forsee's last day at Damascus and the members joined together for a fellowship dinner followed by the Lord's Supper Celebration.

Forsee is a graduate of William Carey College and New Orleans Seminary. He is finishing his doctorate at Luther Rice Seminary.

Jerry (Buddy) Edge has begun his service as minister of music at Hernando Church and will also be band master in the Hernando School.

Terry Johnston of Mt. Pleasant Church, Mississippi Association, has resigned and moved to Alabama. **Joe Jackson** of Pike County is interim pastor.

Mrs. Gavin (Ina) Freeman will retire August 1 as kindergarten/day care director at Morrison Heights Church, Clinton, after 17 years of service in that role. **Kermit McGregor** is pastor.

Phyllis Dukes became minister of music and youth director at Trinity Church in Philadelphia, on June 3. She is the wife of Lee Dukes, who is employed by the Neshoba Democrat.

She graduated from Mississippi College in 1975 with a Bachelor of Music degree. In 1972, Phyllis worked with the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board as a summer youth and music missionary; 1975-76, she served Northside Church, Clinton, as minister of youth and music; 1976-77 she taught public school music; 1977 to present she has been self-employed as a private music instructor, teaching piano and voice. She and Lee have one daughter, Erin. They live at 326 King Ave., Philadelphia.

First Church, Olive Branch has called its first full-time minister of youth, **Jimmy Hudson** and his wife have moved to Olive Branch from Southwestern Seminary.

Floyd Vincent "Vic" Johnston was recently called as minister of youth and activities to First Church, Kosciusko. He goes from First Church, Jena, La. He brings with him his wife, Heddy Jo, and children Ky and Vince. He is a former Mississippian from McComb, and is a graduate of USM and New Orleans Seminary.

John Calvin Kelly assumed his duties as pastor of McCool Church on June 24. A native of Yazoo City, the new pastor is a recent graduate of Southwestern Seminary.

Home Mission Board Names Missionaries To Greeks

ATLANTA (BP) — The first missionaries to the half million Greeks in the United States were appointed by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board during the June executive committee meeting of the board's directors.

Ignatius and Parthena Meimaris of Roslindale, Mass., were named to missionary associate status and assigned as catalytic language missionaries ministering primarily among the estimated 40,000 Greeks in the Boston area.

Two others were named missionaries and 15 pastors were approved to receive financial aid by the directors meeting in Atlanta.

Named missionaries were Robert and Ann Campbell of Rockwood, Tenn. They will serve in the New England Baptist Association where he will be evangelism director from the Northborough, Mass. offices.

According to Jim Lewis, language missions staffer at the Home Mission Board, Meimaris is "to the best of our knowledge the first person appointed to serve among Greeks — at least in the last 100 years."

Meimaris and his wife are both natives of Katerini, Greece, and still maintain Greek citizenship, although they've been in the States nearly 10 years. Meimaris came to the United States to attend Malone College in Camden, Ohio, where he received a bachelor's degree in chemistry and mathematics in 1974. He also graduated from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in Massachusetts with a master of religious education degree.

In Greece, Meimaris and his family had belonged to a Protestant church; his grandfather was a lay preacher.

Yet, most Greeks have a Greek Orthodox religious background, making a Greek-language Baptist church difficult to establish.

Morrison Heights Makes Plan To Add A Building

Morrison Heights Church, Clinton has elected a Building Committee which is at work on plans for a new education and activities building.

Long range plans also will involve remodeling and expansion or relocation of the present offices, the library, and the music suite.

Members of the Building Committee are: Lamar Nail, chairman; Ken Freeman, vice chairman; Anne McWilliams, publicity; church growth, Gene Coxwell; property, Ed McDonald; program, Walter Moore; furnishings, Lynn King; finance, Glen Holmes; plans, Joe Moss; structural, Buck Jones; at-large, Bill Keeler, Ruth Olenki, secretary. Kermit McGregor is pastor, Bill Watson, education director, and Bill Barnes, minister of music.

Consideration is being given to a "Together We Build" campaign to help underwrite a part of the cost.

The program subcommittee has been making a study of space needs of the church for now and for five and ten years from now. Needs will determine the type building to be provided, a decision to be made by the church on August 15, after hearing the committee's program proposal on August 5. A tentative goal for ground breaking is April 1, 1980.



Men from DeSoto Association stand in front of the Superior Baptist Mission in Wyoming.

DeSoto Men Complete Venture to Wyoming

By Ervin Brown, Director of Missions

Fifteen men from DeSoto Association went on a Bold Mission Venture to southwest Wyoming, June 2-9. They report that it was a deep spiritual experience for all, sharing the gospel in new ways, having a new vision of home mission needs, and the thrill of "being a part of something big!"

Our association has been helping the Calvary Church, Rock Springs, Wyo., for the past two years with \$100 a month to help pay for an old church building in Superior, Wyo. A mission has been started there, in a coal mining town that is beginning to come alive again, with the coal mines opening. The mission has a pastor, Marvin Thompson, recent graduate of Southwestern Seminary. (Earl Wood is pastor of the Calvary church that sponsors the mission.)

Every man shared in the revival services at night, the four ministers preaching and laymen giving their testimonies, leading singing, even presenting "specials," assisting in religious surveys. Three of the men led in three Back Yard Bible Clubs each day. They also worked on the old building, putting on siding and painting the building and the basement, and doing

other repair work. The men report not only a time of Christian fellowship, lots of fun, and hard work, but also a great feeling for a job well done.

DeSoto association provided over \$1200 for building supplies and the men and their churches made provision for their travel expenses. The men slept in the basement of the Calvary Church in Rock Springs and the women of the church provided most of their meals there. We are beginning to make tentative plans for other projects of this nature.

The men who went on the trip were: Armond Taylor, pastor, Longview Heights, and one of his laymen, Steve Minott; Shelly Adams, pastor, Mt. Zion; Richard Weddle, Colonial Hills; Elton Nelson, Carriage Hills; D. F. Wilson and Jimmy Swindoll, 1st, Eudora; Gene Benton, Tom Burse, Fred Davis, Jim Davis, Ricky Blanton, 1st, Olive Branch; Aaron Lewis, pastor of Tyro Church, Tate Association, and part-time associate, DeSoto Baptist Association; John Cunningham, student in the Frayser Baptist High School, Memphis; Ervin Brown, director of Missions, DeSoto Association.

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Church Training Leadership Retreats

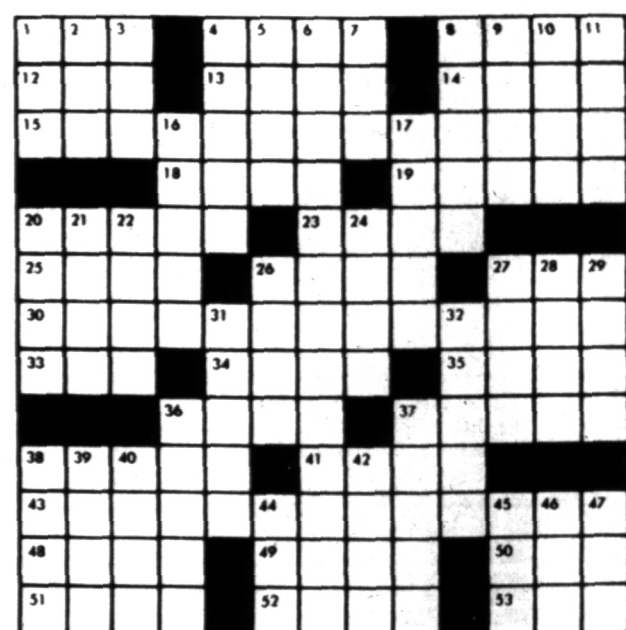
Mississippi's Gulfshore Baptist Assembly will be the site this summer for a pair of Church Training Leadership Retreats. The dates are August 13-15 and August 16-18.

Dr. Billy Nutt of the Alabama Baptist Convention will serve as the speaker for the retreats and Don Bennett, from Colonial Heights Baptist in Jackson, will lead the music. Sunday School Board representatives include Jim Cartwright (general officers), Wayne Jenkins (youth leaders), and Ethel McIndoo (children's leaders). Conferences for the Church Training leaders of all age groups are scheduled.

Other features include a workshop for workers with the mentally retarded... to be offered during the second retreat and led by Doris Monroe of the Sunday School Board.

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- 18 Pure gold (Rev. 21:18)
- 19 Ascend
- 20 Paul chose him (Acts 15:40)
- 23 Direction
- 25 Duke (Gen. 36:43)
- 26 Essence

- 27 Gaseous of central Asia
- 30 "for money, and —" (Jer. 32)
- 33 Netherlands commune
- 34 French river
- 35 Irish society rank
- 36 Heraldic word
- 37 Prevaricators
- 38 "wandering —" (Jude 13)
- 41 "But — profane and vain" (2 Tim. 2)
- 43 "This — —" (Titus 1)
- 48 Section
- 49 Prepared for the ark (1 Chron. 15:1)

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- 51 Swiss capital
- 52 Estimates: abbr.
- 53 Baseball's Ott

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- 1 75,000 (Esth. 9:16; sing.)
- 2 Edition: abbr.
- 3 "let it be — with the dew" (Dan. 4)
- 4 Network
- 5 Flaming
- 6 "before —" (1 Tim. 6)
- 7 Iron, of a kind
- 8 "and come — of the glory" (Rom. 3)
- 9 Air: comb. form
- 10 Academic degrees: abbr.
- 11 Otherwise
- 16 "For — — down" (John 6)
- 17 — not, want not
- 20 Location
- 21 Enoch's son (Gen. 4:18)
- 22 Body of water
- 24 Serf
- 26 — Scout
- 27 Continent
- 28 Mister in Bonn
- 29 Services
- 31 More painful
- 32 Aaron (Psa. 106:16)
- 36 Jebusite (1 Chron. 21:15)
- 37 "in the — of our flesh" (Eph. 2)
- 38 Mop
- 39 Exhaust
- 40 Man (Exra 2:16)
- 42 Cue
- 44 Female saint: abbr.
- 45 Male sheep
- 46 American Indian
- 47 Slippery one

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Today's Cryptoverse clue: Z equals O. Answers on page 7



New Mission Begun In Baldwyn

Forest Hill Mission in Baldwyn conducted its first service Sunday, June 10, with 20 in attendance. Wallace Pannell, pastor of Ingram Church, brought the message. On June 17 the attendance was 28. "It was a good day, with one man being saved and another joining by letter," states Neil Moore, director of missions, Prentiss Association.

A VBS was held June 25-29. A revival is scheduled for July 15-20. The two-acre lot was bought by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. The mobile chapel is owned by the Convention Board also. "We feel that the mission is off to a good beginning and will some day be a great church," Moore adds.

Just For The Record



ELAM CHURCH, COFFEEVILLE (Yalobusha) has a new front, that is four new columns. Eighteen years ago, when the new Church was built, two makeshift columns were used because of the lack of funds. Today these new ones grace the front of the church. At the time the columns were placed new doors were installed in front, along with extensive work in the auditorium. In the past three and one half years more than \$15,000 has been spent on Sunday School rooms, kitchen, carpet, song books, air-conditioners, water cooler, and other features. Cooperative Program gifts have gone from 0% to 10% with all special offerings for missions increasing. Elam also strongly supports Wayne Fleming, an independent Southern Baptist missionary in Mexico. Billy T. McDaniel is pastor.



Poplar Springs Drive Church, Meridian, observed Senior Adult Day on Sunday, May 20. Pictured are the senior adults who made up the choir and senior adults in the audience. The Senior Adults were guests of the youth of the church for a covered dish fellowship luncheon after the morning worship hour. There were some 155 participating. James A. Ruffin is pastor.



THE BUNKER HILL CHURCH, COLUMBIA, honored its senior adults and widows with a banquet. The Saturday night event was attended by 100 people. It was sponsored by the pastor, David Perry, his wife, the active deacons, and their wives. Widows in the church are pictured above. A puppet show was presented by Donna Polk, Donna Ladner, Jennifer McNeese, Jennifer and Cindy Ramshur, Sherry and Carolyn Pittman, and Dianne Duncan, under direction of Mrs. Jack Ladner and Sherry Pittman. J. Clark Hensley, executive director of the Christian Action Commission, Mississippi Baptist Convention, was guest speaker. At the Sunday morning worship service, the widows in attendance were recognized. Hensley brought a message to the widows entitled "The Altar of God."



WEST CORINTH CHURCH, CORINTH, had five State Bible Drill participants. They were **BRAD CAMPBELL**, state winner, second year, children's division; **KEVIN COOLEY**, State Winner supervisor, fourth year in competition; **BONNIE FRANKS**, State winner supervisor, fifth year in competition; **ANN BARNES**, State winner, children's division, second year; and **ROZANNE PRATT**, State winner, third year children's division. Kevin Cooley was chosen to compete in the Section Drill in Jackson. Their leader, Mrs. Mattie Putt, has worked with Bible Drill students for more than 25 years. Wayne Campbell is pastor. Cooley and Franks are pictured.

LIVERPOOL CHURCH (YAZOO) will have a singing on Saturday, July 21, at 7 p.m. The Kenyon family of Jackson and Mr. and Mrs. Leon Giddings of Yazoo City will be guest singers. The pastor is Larry McDonald.

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FIRST CHURCH, TUPELO celebrated homecoming day on Sunday, July 1. It was an old-fashioned all-day affair with dinner on the grounds. Most of those present wore uniforms, overalls, or calico dresses. In foreground are Pastor and Mrs. Bill Ritzenhouse. In line ahead of them are the Tupelo mayor, Clyde Whitaker, and Mrs. Whitaker.

Abbeville Church set an all-time high record in attendance during a recent Vacation Bible School. Average daily attendance was 95. Randy Bane, interim pastor, was principal.

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Names In The News . . .

Jerry and Dot Hubbard, missionaries to Zambia, have completed furlough and returned to the field (address: Box 99, Serenje, Zambia). He was born in Caruthersville, Mo., and lived in Mississippi.

Paul and Vera Rose Johnson, missionaries to the Philippines, have completed furlough and returned to the field (address: P. O. Box 94, Davao, Philippines). He is a native of Bassfield, Miss.

Chris Marengo was licensed to the gospel ministry recently by Grace Memorial Church of Gulfport. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin C. Marengo, and is a student at Clarke College.

Byron and Dora Harbin, missionaries to Brazil, may be addressed at Caixa 18066, 01000 Sao Paulo, SP, Brazil.

Thomas and Gloria Thurman, missionaries to Bangladesh, have completed furlough and returned to the field (address: Box 99, Dacca 2, Bangladesh). He is a native of Monticello, Miss.

Calvin Kelly, pastor of McCool Church in McCool, was ordained to the Gospel Ministry on Sunday night, July 1, at First Church in Yazoo City, his home church. Jerry Merriman, director of the student work, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board was the guest speaker. **Bolling Kelly**, pastor of First Church, Helena, Ark., delivered the charge to the candidate. Kelly is a 1975 graduate of Mississippi State University and a recent graduate of Southwestern Seminary. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Kelly of Yazoo City and is married to the former Paula Best of Montgomery, Ala.

Charles and Dianne Deevers, missionaries to the Ivory Coast, have completed furlough and returned to the field (address: BP 512, Bouake, Ivory Coast). A native of Mississippi, he was born in Jackson and was a dentist in Clinton. She is the former Dianne Sutherland of Bogalusa, La.

Errol and Mary Simmons, missionaries to Spain, have arrived in the State for furlough (address: 100 Georgia Ave., Hattiesburg, Miss. 39401).

William (Billy) Dowdy was ordained into the gospel ministry recently at South 28th Ave. Church, Hattiesburg. The request for ordination came from Overt Church, Jones County, where Dowdy is pastor. William G. Dowdy, the candidate's father, brought the charges to the church and to the young pastor. He is pastor of White Oak Church in Smith County. Ken Rhodes, pastor of Juniper Grove Church, Pearl River County, preached the ordination sermon. The host pastor was Alan E. Balliet. Dowdy and his wife Vickie live in the Overt parsonage, along with their infant daughter.

Toni Wilkerson and Mark Collins from Trinity Church, Philadelphia, were State Bible Drill Winners at Jackson on May 4. This was Toni's third year as a State Winner. She received a certificate and a medallion. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Wilkerson. Mark is the son of Grady Collins, Trinity pastor, and Mrs. Collins. Mrs. Allen Hendrix has directed the Bible drills at Trinity for seven years.

Rebecca Oliver, daughter of Mrs. John S. Oliver, missionary to Brazil, married **Grady Poole** on June 2. Currently in the States on furlough, Mrs. Oliver may be addressed c/o Mary Dill, Greenwood Springs, Md. 33848. The former Virginia Winters, she was born in Leslie, Ark., and also lived in Alabama and Mississippi while growing up.

J. Leo Garrett Named Prof At Southwestern

FT. WORTH, Texas — James Leo Garrett has been named professor of theology at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here effective Aug. 1, 1979. The appointment was made by the seminary's board of trustees during a special meeting June 13 in Houston. Garrett, professor of religion and director of church-state studies at Baylor University, formerly served on the Southwestern faculty from 1949 to 1959. He also has served on the faculty of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky., and as pastor of several Texas churches.

Officers of the Northeast Mississippi Ministers of Music Fellowship are studying the calendar of activities for the coming church year. Left to right: Secretary/Treasurer, **Hamp Valentine**, FBC, Aberdeen; President, **Ray Burke**, FBC, Amory; and Vice President/Program Chairman, **Wilson Henderson**, FBC, Columbus. The Fellowship was formed last February for fellowship, sharing, and programs of professional development.

Donald Eugene Winters, a former resident of Hattiesburg, has been named assistant professor of music at William Carey College, according to an announcement by John Morgan, dean of the college's School of Music. Winters recently completed his Ph.D. in music education at Florida State University. He is a graduate of Hattiesburg High School and has earned four degrees from William Carey: the master of music degree in church music; the bachelor of arts degree in music theory; and two bachelor of music degrees, one in music education and the other in church music. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Winters. His father, for many years head of the music department at William Carey College, recently retired.

The first editor of materials for Spanish-speaking Baptists living in the United States has begun work in the Sunday School Board's Sunday School department, Nashville, Tenn. **Tito Fafasuli**, 44, a native of Argentina, went to the board from the Baptist Spanish Publishing House in El Paso, Texas, where he had served for three years as associate director of the book department. Fafasuli, formerly a pastor in Paraguay and Argentina, came to the U.S. in 1971 to attend Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas.

Fafasuli grew up in a Baptist home after his parents became Christian through the efforts of Southern Baptist missionaries.

Wayne County Team Works In Michigan

A team of workers from Wayne County left June 15 for Milford, Mich. This team is made up in most part of members from Calvary Church, Waynesboro. Those going will do construction work, conduct Bible Schools, and hold revivals and Back Yard Bible Clubs.

At least 28 people are involved. Alben Gaston is Calvary pastor and Willie Gail Trigg is director of bold missions.

Those who went to Michigan are: Mary Ann and Hilton Boykin; Ray, Mary, Tommy, and John Tomlinson; Willie Gail, Earle, Kyle and Kevin Trigg; Teresa Ann Nored; Karen Skipper; John, Betty, Michelle, Velma and Arthur Bishop; Terry Parnell; Alben Gaston, Vicki, Paul and Kerrie; Jimmy, Lola, Jean and James Hartley; Bro. Jimmy and Peggy Knight; Margie Mills; Aaron Waites.

My way of joking is to tell the truth. It's the funniest joke in the world. — George Bernard Shaw

Mercer Elects Godsey To Presidency

MACON, Ga. (BP) — R. Kirby Godsey, 43, has been elected president of Mercer University, succeeding Rufus Carroll Harris, who has held the office for 20 years, the second longest term in the Baptist school's 146-year history.

The election of Godsey, Mercer's executive vice president and chief administrative officer since July 1978, will become effective July 1.

Harris, 82, becomes chancellor of the university, a new position created by the trustees at their spring meeting last April 19.

BIBLE PUZZLE ANSWERS

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"Plead my cause, O Lord, with them that strive with me" (Psa. 35:1).



JAMES MOORE, pictured at center with his wife Elaine and children, Timothy and Bryan, were honored with a fellowship meal May 6 at Trinity Church, Philadelphia. Moore, who has been minister of music at Trinity for five and one-half years, has resigned and is entering New Orleans Seminary. **GRADY COLLINS**, pastor, left, presented a certificate of appreciation. **BOBBY HOLTON**, right, chairman of deacons, gave the Moores a check from the church members. Also the North Calvary Church sent a love offering.

99-Year-Old Was Converted In 1893

By Jimmy Hodges, Pastor
First, Waynesboro

Few can boast of having lived under the leadership of 19 Presidents of the United States. Few Baptists can look back to 1893 as their time of conversion. Mrs. Frank M. Gray, of the First Baptist Church, Waynesboro, can do both. She was 99 last month.



Mittle Gray

As Mittle Busby, she first trusted Christ as Savior when she was 13. Her early spiritual nourishment came from the Mt. Zion Church a few miles outside of Waynesboro. She and her husband joined the First Baptist Church in 1905.

This centenarian aspirant remembers such famous evangelists as Billy Sunday, Howard Williams, and Gypsy Smith. When asked the difference between preaching and Christianity then, compared with the present, Mrs. Gray replied, "It seemed more real than it does now." She added, "Everybody cried when they got saved."

Comparing former and present preaching, she stated: "Preachers were not educated, and they preached long. But they preached good messages." She went on to explain that quarter-time churches were glad to hear lengthy sermons.

Until a year ago Mrs. Gray was among the most active members of her church. At this time she became plagued with a plurality of physical difficulties, from which she is presently recovering at a rapid pace. Already she has been at church twice in the last month, as well as participating recently in festivities planned especially for senior adults in her church.

BWA's Affiliated Bodies Show Increases In 1978

WASHINGTON (BP) — Membership of churches within the 111 Baptist conventions and unions affiliated with the Baptist World Alliance increased 1.4 percent during 1978.

A new statistical survey lists a total membership of 29,586,329 baptized believers in 115,563 churches within these affiliated bodies, Robert S. Denny, the BWA's general secretary, reported. This represents a gain of 1,436 churches and 415,174 members.

Reports also show a total of 27,035 "other" preaching places, reflecting the evangelistic outreach of churches in missions and other congregations not yet organized as churches.

Some groups reported lower 1979 figures than for 1978, but there were spectacular gains in other groups.

Church membership in the Baptist Convention of Nigeria increased 50 percent — from 200,000 in 1978 churches to 300,000 in 1,250 churches. Member-

ship increased 11 percent in Brazil, 20 percent in Burundi, 16 percent in Colombia, 10 percent of North East India, 17 percent in Korea, and 63 percent in Rhodesia.

The 1979 survey is restricted to the Alliance's member bodies, which have headquarters in 82 nations and dependencies. These bodies are known to have members and mission work in a total of 120 countries but the membership of churches outside their own geographical area is not reported in the survey.

Estimates indicate that "The total number of people bearing the name 'Baptist' exceeds 34 million — of which 29.6 million are active members of the Alliance's affiliated bodies," said C. E. Bryant, BWA associate secretary for communications. "This larger number includes Baptist work in as many as 138 countries and dependencies."

Devotional

Take Charge Of Your Feelings

By David Michel, Pastor, Prentiss

A small boy and his father were working together in the yard. The youngster was struggling to lift a rock that was about twice his size. His father noticed the child's futile efforts and asked, "Son, are you pulling with all your strength?"

With all the indignation a four-year-old can muster, he shouted back, "Of course I am!"

And the father replied, "No, you're not; you haven't asked me to help yet."

Many of us are like the small boy. In loneliness we struggle with problems which are far too heavy for us to manage alone.

Jesus offers us simply advice in Matthew 7:7: "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you."

Our Heavenly Father stands ready to increase our strength if we will only ask. Our problem seems to lie in the asking. For various reasons we view ourselves as sufficient apart from God's help. It may be we feel unworthy of asking for His favor, or we may be too proud to admit a deficiency. Some of us lack the faith that God can provide the necessary resources for our needs, and others just seem to feel that asking is an inconvenience. Whatever the reasons, we fail to ask God, and we fail to receive.

Michel

Perhaps the strength we fail to receive is only the least of our losses, for in our refusal to seek God's help we miss out on other values more important for our spiritual resilience. We lose the encouragement that comes from expressing our faith in God's care. We lose the humility that comes from confessing our weaknesses. We lose the patient maturity that comes from disciplining our prayer lives. If we had these qualities, maybe we would not lack the strength to handle the burdens that are ever present in life. When Jesus says, "Ask, and you shall receive..." He is offering more than a promise. He is offering a pattern for developing strength.

In a song from the Lerner and Lowe musical, *Camelot*, this question is asked: "What do the simple folk do To help them escape when they're blue?"

In answer, one verse says: "Once upon a time, I came upon a lad, Singing in a voice three times his size; When I asked him why, He told me he was sad; And that's what simple folk do!"

Even Christians become discouraged at times, and it's good to know some secrets for overcoming depression. Our ability to express praise for God is just such a resource. In Psalm 42:5 we find these words:

"Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted in me? Hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him for the help of his countenance."

Obviously the psalmist was discouraged when he wrote these lines, but he did not despair. Instead he took positive steps to recover his happiness. First, he reprimanded his soul, questioning its right to be downcast. He did this in light of the previous help that God, out of the goodness of His providence, had offered him. Second, he exhorted himself to hope in God, rather than to remain "disquieted" or dissatisfied. Finally, he determined that he would praise God again in spite of his depression.

We can learn several things from the psalmist's example. We need to take charge of ourselves rather than allowing our feelings to have charge of us. We need to remember the care God gives for us, and let that recognition energize us with hope. We need to act on the hope that is ours, and praise God even if we don't feel like it.

John Drakeford, a Christian psychologist and author, says: "It is easier to act yourself into a new way of feeling, than to feel yourself into a new way of acting."

When discouragement threatens your happiness, sing, shout, worship, rejoice your way out of it.

Mississippians On Glorieta Staff

Five Mississippians serving this summer at Glorieta Baptist Conference Center in New Mexico are Amy L. Bennett, Meridian; Charles E. Bibb, Inverness; Judith Latricia Jones, Pearl; Lisa Lambert, Natchez; and Connie Laraine Timmons, McComb. Glorieta Conference Center is located 20 miles east of Santa Fe.



A team from Shady Grove, Lucedale, left July 11 for Oregon.

Shady Grove Team Will Teach, Build In Oregon

Shady Grove Church near Lucedale commissioned 35 people on June 24 for a bold mission project in Portland, Oregon, the women to lead backyard Bible schools and the men to construct a church. The bus in which the group was to travel was dedicated.

Speakers on that Sunday, which was homecoming day at the church, were Marvin K. Lee, Bobby Dungan, and Wayne Miller. Lee is a former pastor at the church, and Dungan and Miller went out from Shady Grove as pastors.

Puppets performed at the commissioning service, in preparation for

their duties in Oregon. The group left July 11.

Troy Smith, son of the Shady Grove pastor, N. H. Smith, is pastor of the church in Oregon where the group was going. Troy's brother, Brad, is minister of music and youth there. Another former resident of George County, Arvis Wiggins, is also working with the same church. A revival was to be held while the Shady Grove members were there.

Sammy Chisolm is assistant pastor and youth director at Shady Grove.

Sleep In Churches

19 From Byhalia Lead Bible Schools In Nevada

Nineteen from Byhalia church taught in Vacation Bible Schools in Nevada during June.

The young people who went ranged in age from 13 to 17. They conceived the idea of doing mission work this summer during the winter and began trying to raise support at that time. Their hope was to travel to Nevada.

This church has supported Nevada missions for over eight years and has sent two summer missionaries to Nevada in the past.

The young people were not able to reach their original goal, but by arranging to sleep in churches on the way out and back, and by making other adjustments, they were able to leave on June 8. They arrived in Ely, Nevada June 10, and on Monday, June 11, began work in four separate vacation Bible schools.

They conducted schools in Currie,

Baker, Ruth, and McGill, Nevada. It was necessary for the faculty of the Currie school to travel 150 miles (round trip) for their school, which was held in the evening. The group who led at Baker traveled almost as far. They had a morning school in the yard of a two-room school.

The adults who went on the trip were Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Gladney, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Traylor and Mr. and Mrs. Delane Andrews.

The young people were Johnny Campbell, Phoebe Romyed, Nell Nichols, Rebecca Traylor, Deborah Traylor, Lynn Andrews, Amy Andrews, James Davis, Doug Hardy, Renee Renner, Debby McNeely, Tammy Lee, and Herb Woods. Benny and David Traylor and Michael and April Andrews, younger children of the Traylor and the Andrews, accompanied the group.

Uniform Lesson

How To Treat Enemies

By Ed North, First, Quitman
II Kings 6:8-23

General Douglas MacArthur emerged from World War II as Japan's most effective enemy and greatest friend. During the years of sharp struggle in the Pacific Theater MacArthur demonstrated a unique ability to defeat the Japanese at their own game. Contemporaries ranked him head and shoulders above Eisenhower, Marshall, Montgomery, etc.

With the cessation of hostilities, however, a different MacArthur came forth. While other American leaders pushed for strong, punitive measures against the "enemy", he insisted on a redemptive, conciliatory approach. As Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers MacArthur introduced democracy to Japan, personally wrote a new, liberalized constitution, and laid the groundwork for the rebuilding of the nation. In the process he earned the love, respect, and friendship of the Japanese people.

MacArthur's actions were in harmony with the spirit demonstrated by the prophet Elisha in our text. A man of some wealth, Elisha had been chosen by God to succeed Elijah (I Kings 19:16-21). Upon Elijah's translation to heaven, Elisha was granted a double portion of his master's spirit (II Kings 2:9-15). That investment of spiritual strength and insight stood him in good stead as he ministered to Israel in the midst of her enemies.

I. The Enemy Is Out There (II Kings 6:8-15)

Two instances of enemy activity are set forth in the text. These are but representative of Syria's constant harassment of Israel. The most vivid example is the siege of Dothan in which Elisha's servant goes out early in the morning to find the city surrounded by horses, chariots, and a great army (v. 15). This particular action was directed at Elisha personally (vv. 12-13). Sometimes we bear the brunt of the enemy's attack individually, and sometimes we suffer as a part of the people under attack, but the enemy is always out there.

Jesus promised his followers the hatred and troubles of an ungodly world system. Wherever the Christian lifestyle is expressed it will come into conflict with secularism, materialism,

humanism, communism, etc., resulting in enmity. Such enmity may evolve into actions as severe as imprisonment and death, or as mild as gossip and social snobbery. Typically the enemy is personalized, e.g. the Syrian army. "Powers and principalities" have a way of expressing themselves in "flesh and blood." The enemy of the faithful is always out there.

II. The Care of God Is Real (II Kings 6:9-10, 16-18)

The emphasis upon the supernatural in the deliverance of both Israel and Elisha from the clutches of the enemy cannot be ignored. People of faith will have no real problem accepting this truth. God does act in miraculous, supernatural ways to care for his own in the midst of conflict.

Elisha's statement in verse 16 has become a classic of trust: "Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them." Here is a primal echo of that glorious New Testament affirmation: "Greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world" (I John 4:4).

In an art contest painters were asked to depict the concept of peace. Entries included many scenes of sunsets, mountains, quiet streams, and misty mornings. But the winner showed a turbulent waterfall plummeting into a canyon below. Swirling winds sprayed the water in every direction. But, in a little niche in the rock behind the waterfall, a bird had built her nest. In that nest a tiny baby bird slept in perfect peace. What a lovely picture of the care of God in the face of life's enemies!

III. Love Triumphs Over Enmity (II Kings 6:19-23)

An old adage encourages us to destroy an enemy by making him our friend. Conflict may be resolved in several ways: (1) win-lose, (2) lose-lose, (3) win-win. The only satisfactory resolution is for both sides to emerge as winners. This is what Elisha was able to pull off.

Blinded by supernatural intervention the Syrian forces were led right into the heart of Samaria. In answer to Elisha's prayer the Lord opened their eyes to the sight of the king of Israel leaping with excitement and clamoring for permission to kill them. Can you imagine their fear and despair? However, Elisha had no intention of

allowing harm to come to his enemies. The question in verse 22 should read: "Would you kill those you have not taken captive with your sword and with your bow?" The prophet insisted that the Syrians were not under the ban (religious obligation to kill prisoners because they belong to foreign gods) because they were not taken by military force. God has led them captive, and God's will should be followed in the matter. Under Elisha's direction the prisoners were treated to a feast and permitted to return to their home country. Verse 23 suggests that these particular men did not raid Israel again.

What prompted Elisha to deal so graciously with his enemies? Obviously Elisha had a strong sense of security in the Lord. It has been my observation that unforgiving, vengeful persons tend to be highly insecure. Nothing gives one a greater sense of security and well being than the assurance of the providential care of God. When you know that your life is in the center of God's concern, you can relax in your attitudes and actions toward people, even your enemies.

Do we see here evidence of Elisha's experience of God's love? He anticipates the spirit of Christ toward those who opposed him. Centuries before the Savior, Elisha fulfilled our Lord's command: "Love your enemies." Now, centuries beyond that Perfect Life and Love, can we do less?

Off The Record

"Johnny," called Mother, "tell your sister to come in out of the rain!" "I can't do it," he shouted. "We're playing Noah's Ark and she's a sinner!"

Child's comment after church one HOT day: "There was a man there who made an all-day speech. I forgot his name, but I think he was an escaped missionary!"

A few years back Montana State had a bad football season, but coach Ray Jenkins faced the new year optimistically: "We're sure to improve," he said. "We lost all ten games last season. This year we have only nine games scheduled."

Life and Work Lesson

Saved To Serve

By W. Thomas Baddley
First, Brandon

Acts 11:19-30; 13:1-3

How very often preachers remind those listening to their sermons that Christians are not only saved from their sin but that Christians are saved in order to serve. Biblical stewardship is as much concerned with muscles and minds and mouths as it is with money. The job assignment is awesome, but the task is still given and entrusted to believers.

Luke has interrupted his narrative of the growth of the early church to introduce a new Christian, Saul. Because of the important role he later played, he is given a great deal of "coverage" to build up his credibility in the readers' minds. But now that he has been introduced and has returned for a lengthy stay at home in Tarsus, Luke returns to the story of the spread of the Gospel and its effects on the lives of men; and affect men it did! Even prejudiced, biased, narrow-minded men like Peter were enlightened so that they recognized that salvation through faith in Christ was not to be just for Jews. Without a background of the worship of Jehovah God and familiarity with the Scriptures, new converts were poorly equipped to serve; yet, serve they did!

I. Serving Though Scattered (Acts 11:19-30)

Sometimes we seek security rather than service. The early Christians in Jerusalem had enjoyed both fellowship and security as they gathered from house to house. With the steadfast witness of Stephen, preaching relentlessly (and him only a deacon) and refusing to be silenced, came his death and persecution for the church. No longer could Christians gather or publicly witness. Many were forced to flee.

They could not flee from the commission to serve their Lord, Jesus. As they scattered, so was dispersed the Good News of God's gift — Jesus. Though initially preached only to Jews, the Gospel soon found its way to the Gentiles, too.

II. Serving By Strengthening (Acts 13:22-26)

Originally, Gentile Christians were suspicious, with many questions about whether a Gentile could even become a Christian. God resolved that question by way of a lengthy discourse from

Peter about his heavenly vision. Now, the "Mother Church" in Jerusalem sought to strengthen these new Christians by sending an able teacher to help them learn and grow.

Barnabas' credentials were equal to the diploma covered walls of today's great teacher. He had shown himself to be a faithful and generous man. He had sold land and given it to the church to care for the poor. He had befriended Saul and "sponsored" him with the Christians at Jerusalem. Now, Barnabas was their choice to go to Antioch to help this new congregation grow.

The exciting church at Antioch grew rapidly. Soon there was need to "expand the staff." Barnabas knew just the right man — Saul of Tarsus. So, for a year they labored together serving God by teaching and assembling with the people.

The aggressive young church at Antioch did not go unnoticed by those around it. It was at this time and place that the believers were first called Christians. The name offered as derision became a title worn with pride — for these were and we are — the people of Christ — God's son — Jesus.

III. Serving By Sharing (Acts 11:27-30)

Through the ages, God has spoken through men — sometimes to speak to the present, and at others to speak to the future. Agabus of Jerusalem came to Antioch and through him God told of a coming famine.

God's call to serve often involves more than just going and/or telling. If we follow Christ's example and his command to love one another, we must see to it that "one another" doesn't go hungry. This energetic, dynamic church of Antioch saw a chance to love by sharing of their financial resources. Notice that the decision seems to be unanimous. We will give as much as we can and together our gifts will help. It sounds like a first century Cooperative Program venture with each giving as he is able, sharing so that others may live to serve where they are. The Jerusalem church had never been a wealthy congregation. The famine would mean that when their meager resources were gone, some of the church membership would starve to death. The Christians at Antioch felt kinship as brothers and sisters and

they sent help to take care of the "family."

IV. Serving By Sending (Acts 13:1-3)

The church, both as a congregation and as individuals, cannot reach out to the whole world with one foot still in the door at home. Some must go, leaving the security of home, family and friends to serve still others, but we cannot let them go without assuring them of our prayers and support.

Often, I'm afraid we try to choose those we must send. Scripture indicates the choosing is God's job and privilege. Once chosen, separated, set out by God's Spirit, let us not drag our feet. As Southern Baptists we are praying for our missionary task force to double, triple, quadruple. We must at the same time send those who God sets apart.

In summary, let me just remind you God has given His own Son that we might be saved — saved to service through strengthening, sharing, sending, no matter how scattered. Let's do it.

Maston Improving After Attack Of Chest Pain

FORT WORTH, Texas (BP) — T. B. Maston, 81-year-old retired professor of Christian ethics at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, is "improving steadily" at a Fort Worth hospital after being rushed to the hospital's emergency room because of severe chest pains.

According to Maston's wife, Essie Mae, doctors at Harris Hospital have determined the problem to be angina, rather than a heart attack, and have found no heart damage. Mrs. Maston said the chest pains struck Maston as he was getting ready to go to church on Sunday.

Maston was honored for his contribution to the life of Southern Baptists through his 41 years of writing and teaching at Southwestern Seminary at a special luncheon during the recent Southern Baptist Convention in Houston.

The Tax Crunch . . .

Your Missionaries Need Your Help!!

By Joe N. McKeever
First Baptist Church
Columbus, Mississippi

In the course of dodging guerilla bullets and feeding starving refugees, Missionaries John and Edna Jones are about to get a surprise. Beginning this year, their U. S. taxes have gone up by a thousand dollars.

Under appointment by our Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board to Rumania, the Joneses are already having a time of it. The inflation rate there is completely out of hand, as in so many other countries. And with the value of the U. S. dollar shrinking all the time, their real income continues to dwindle.

Until this year, John and Edna

have paid no U. S. income taxes while working outside the country. The law had specifically excluded from taxes the first \$20,000 earned by U. S. citizens working overseas. The idea behind that law was to encourage Americans to take unpopular jobs out of the country, jobs considered vital to U. S. interest.

But the Foreign Earned Income Act of 1978 changed all that. That law dropped the \$20,000 exclusion. From now on, everyone's entire income is subject to taxation.

Obviously, this law affects more than Southern Baptists' nearly 3,000 missionaries. It applies to every denomination, as well as to employees of the American Red Cross, CARE,

Write:

Russell Long, La., Chairman, Senate Finance Committee, US Senate, Washington, D. C.; and Al Ullman, Ore., Chairman, House Ways and Means Committee, US House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.

World Vision, and CROP.

Recently, I sat on a committee of the Foreign Mission Board that was determining what our response to this law would be. The members felt it would be unjust and cruel to drop the full weight of this law on our missionaries immediately. Few, if any, could

withstand a sudden cut in salary of \$800 to \$1,500 a year.

If the Board decides to give serious help to the missionaries, it would cost a minimum of one million dollars in 1979 alone; and if the Board does not give assistance, the missionary will bear the burden by himself. In either case the foreign mission effort suffers.

In an enterprise such as missions, it is impossible to pass on higher costs to the consumer. To come up with one million dollars, you either cut salaries or services.

The point to be made is this: the law needs to be changed. Several congressmen have stated that they believe this can be done if

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"Gravest Crisis"

Five-Year Limit Threatens Missionaries In Indonesia

By Anita Bowden

JAKARTA, Indonesia (BP) — At least one Southern Baptist missionary family is included in the approximately 100 missionaries in Indonesia whose residence visas are being renewed for only six months.

Government letters are being sent to missionaries of various organizations who have been in Indonesia at least five years, reported Edward O. Sanders, Southern Baptist mission chairman.

If this "five-year rule" continues, it will force almost 90 percent of the Southern Baptist missionaries in Indonesia to leave the country within the next two years as their annual visas need to be renewed.

"This is the gravest crisis we have faced in our Southeast Asia ministry since Vietnam and Laos fell," said William R. Wakefield, Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board secretary for Southeast Asia. "I'm calling on Southern Baptists to pray that an effective door for ministry and witness will remain open in Indonesia, especially since it is the fifth most populous nation in the world and is very open to the gospel."

Sanders said the mission recently learned that the immigration office had the list of 100 missionaries scheduled to receive the six-month notice. It includes two Southern Baptist missionaries, the Carl G. Lees.

"All possible steps are being taken

within the country to bring about some kind of change in what appears to be a policy to do away with missionary ministries here," Sanders said. Those steps include a planned appeal for the Carl Lees and a meeting with other religious organization representatives and the minister of religion.

Some missions suggest the use of a quota on the number of missionaries in the country rather than a five-year cut-off, Sanders said.

New visas have been granted to missionaries in other organizations in recent weeks, Wakefield said. "We will

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1980 SBC Housing Plans Are Underway

ST. LOUIS (BP) — Housing plans are already in progress for the 1980 annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in St. Louis.

Groups wishing reservations of a minimum of 10 and maximum of 50 rooms, must make reservations before Sept. 1, 1979, by writing the SBC Executive Committee, 460 James Robertson Parkway, Nashville, Tenn. 37219, or calling (615) 244-2355.

But no reservations for individuals will be accepted by the SBC Housing Bureau in St. Louis until Sept. 1. Any received before that time will be returned, said Tim Hedquist of the Executive Committee staff.

Reservations for individuals, he said, will be accepted only on special forms. No phone calls or other correspondence

will be accepted by the Housing Bureau in St. Louis as was the case in Houston.

The forms, which will be mailed to state Baptist convention offices in mid-August, will be available from the state offices, the Executive Committee in Nashville, or in the issues of state Baptist papers or the Baptist Program in which the editors elect to print them.

Hedquist said no shuttle bus service will be provided in St. Louis, as it was in Houston for the 1979 SBC. He said messengers will have plenty of public transportation and parking around the convention center.

About 2,000 of the 6,500 rooms reserved for the SBC by St. Louis hotels are in the downtown area, as is the convention center.

Seabough Named As HMB Associate Director

GLORIETA, N. M. (BP) — Three staff members of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board were given new responsibilities at the directors' July meeting.

Ed Seabough, 46, on the staff since 1968, was named associate to Executive Director-Treasurer William G. Tanner.

Kenneth Day, 49, a staff member since 1965, was promoted to director of the Communications Division.

Irwin Dawson, 51, a board staffer since 1966, was transferred from his job as associate director of the department of language missions to become associate director of the department of missionary personnel.

Directors created the post of associate to the executive director-treasurer, eliminating the position of



Seabough

Day

assistant executive which has been vacant since the election of Tanner to head the executive staff three years ago.

Seabough, a native of Aurora, Mo., will assist Tanner beginning Aug. 1 in "interpreting, evaluating and correlating programs and ministries of

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Flood Victims Still Need Volunteer Help

Elwin Williams' house in northeast Jackson has been "under renovation" for three months now — ever since the Easter Flood that visited disaster upon thousands of Mississippi homes along the Pearl River.

The Williams' baby is due in September and they had no flood insurance.

Only now is the end in sight. And that's only because a group of Washington County men took vacation time to come down to help with the work of renovation.

The group had been committed prior

to the flood to go to Michigan to help in building a church. But the church couldn't float the materials loan and the trip was cancelled.

Frank Bishop, pastor of Greenfield Baptist Church in Greenville and chairman of the Washington County Baptist Association, worked out the substitute trip to help flood victims who are members of Jackson's Colonial Heights Baptist Church.

Said Frank Hope, ex officio supervisor of the group, "I was not aware of the complete disaster they have ex-

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Don Pittman, Elwin Williams, and Frank Hope discuss flood victim problems in front of refuse pile in Williams' carport. (Story and photos by Tim Nicholas)

Mississippians Named Foreign Missionaries

RICHMOND, Va. — David and Gail Young were among 38 persons named missionaries by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board at its July meeting in Richmond, Va. Also appointed was another couple with Mississippi ties.

They will work in Austria, where he will be a general evangelist and she will be a church and home worker. He is pastor of First Baptist Church, Lumberton, Miss.

Born in Norman, Okla., Young also lived in Orange, Brownwood and Temple, Texas; San Diego, Calif., and Midwest City, Okla., while growing up. He received the bachelor of arts degree from Baylor University, Waco,



The Youngs

Can We Stop It?

By W. David Sapp

The picture says, "WE CAN PUT A STOP TO WORLD HUNGER!" Can we? Is the slogan an overstatement? Isn't it true that no matter how much we do, some people will still starve? Here is some information to help you decide:

—The United States has 6 percent of the world's population, but consumes over one-third of its food resources. This means that the excess consumption of our nation alone would feed the 480 million people in the world who are chronically malnourished.

—The United States Department of Agriculture predicts that, for the ten-year period between 1975 and 1985, developing nations will have a deficit of 47.6 million tons of grain, while the wealthy nations will have a surplus of 51.9 million tons of grain. There will be enough to feed everyone if we can just get it to them!

—In 1977 India produced twice as much grain as it could store. Consequently, much of that grain never got to hungry people. Similar problems exist all over the world, and can be remedied by steps as simple as building more silos.

—Each year the United States used enough fertilizer for golf courses, cemeteries, lawns, flower gardens, and other non-agricultural purposes to feed 100 million people.

—Nearly 30 million Americans, and uncounted millions of others around the world, are hungry only because they cannot afford an adequate diet.

—One survey shows that, even in the face of such tragic need, the average American church member gives less than one penny per month to feed the hungry.

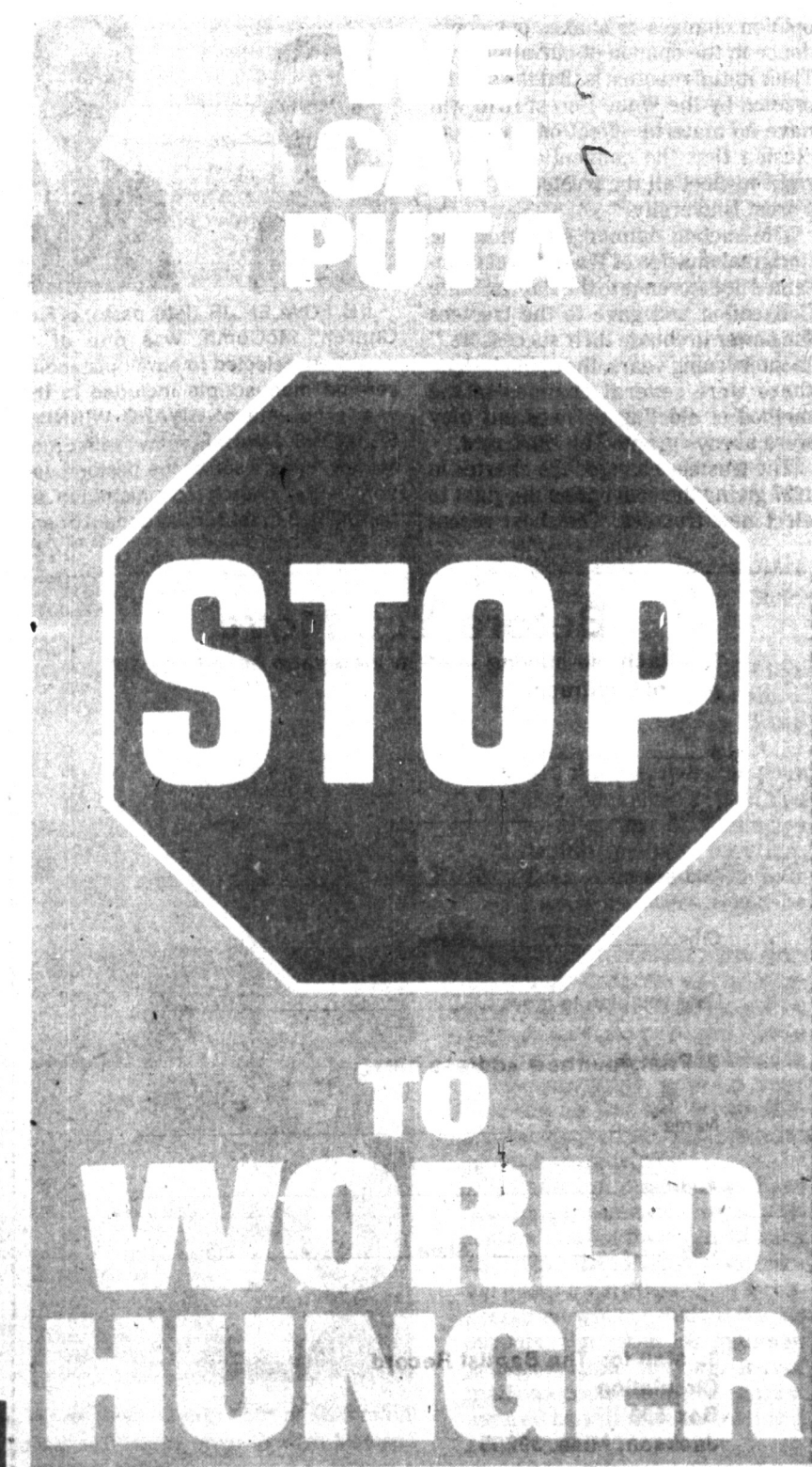
—Finally, the Bible says God will provide enough of what we need: "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:19).

What do you think? Can we put a stop to world hunger? There is and probably can continue to be enough food for everyone. The scientific evidence for that is clear. What we lack is the will to share, otherwise known as love. We say that political and economic barriers prevent us from getting food to the starving. But those barriers were erected by human beings; and they can be destroyed by human beings. They are difficult, but conquerable; barriers; they will yield to an onslaught of Christian love.

You can help with the onslaught by stopping world hunger wherever you find it. World hunger is really personal hunger repeated millions of times. Ultimately, we will put a stop to world hunger only when we stop the hunger of persons, little girls and boys, desperate adults, old men and women. Christians have a God-given responsibility to feed the starving: "I was hungry and you fed me" (Matt. 25:35). World Hunger Day can help you get started. Observe it in and through your church on August 1.

W. David Sapp is director of organization for the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

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Cruisers Study Missions

By Linda Douglas

Brotherhood Department

The Caribbean Mission Study Cruise sponsored by the Mississippi Baptist Brotherhood Department departed Saturday, June 30, from the Jackson airport, boarding the Cunard Countess Cruise Ship in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Orientation for the group was by William W. Graves, area coordinator for Foreign Mission Work in the Caribbean. Graves also authored the Foreign Mission Graded Series Study Baptist Trade Winds.

The work of missionaries in the Caribbean involves many different nationalities and languages. Graves pointed out, with 17 million Spanish, 6 million French, 5 million English, and 1 million Dutch.

Mrs. William W. Graves, who assisted in orientation, pointed out the importance of the family in mission work, stating that the entire family must be "called" to serve.

"Identify Yourself"

"As you travel throughout the Caribbean," Graves suggested, "be friendly and identify yourself as being a Christian." This we tried to do throughout the entire trip.

On Sunday morning aboard the ship the group (with only four missing because of sea sickness) held worship services. Edward Farr, First Church, Scooba, and Robert Compere, Briar Hill Church, Florence, led in the service.

On Monday afternoon we arrived in La Guaira, Venezuela. Larry Rice, music missionary located in Caracas, was waiting to share with us what is being done for the Lord in Venezuela. One fact we noted in all ports was that the majority of people are Catholic, and they feel everyone is a Christian. Involvement of the people in spiritualism is one unique problem of Venezuela. But the problems, though difficult and different, are being faced by our missionaries there.

During a walking tour of downtown

La Guaira, our group became painfully aware of the contrast in life there and the United States. There were so many people living in such a small area, and homes, situated on the mountainside, seemed ready to slide down at any moment. Silently, we all gave thanks for the United States and our many blessings.

Our next stop was Barbados. Jerry Harris, who serves there as religious education promoter, met us at the dock. A native band greeted us as they played some beautiful music on their tuned steel drums.

Riding through Barbados and seeing all of the many people, we could see why it has a population density among the world's highest. The people there, as well as on every other island, are faced with the same inflation problems as ourselves, only greater.

During our stay in Barbados, we were able to see four of the Baptist churches, all of which are built to last hundreds of years and to withstand hurricanes.

The Emmanuel Baptist Church, which is the largest, was partially built by a group of Baptist laymen from Grenada, Mississippi. The pastor of Emmanuel, Vincent Wood, told us that to be a member of the church, you must participate.

We were able to visit with Dr. and Mrs. Bill Womack and Philip and Sue Overton during our lunch, which was served to us by the Barbados Baptist Bible College, where Dr. Womack serves as director. Purchased by Lottie Moon Christmas Offering funds, the college serves students from all the islands, with nine mini semesters of four weeks each offered. Tuition is \$148 per semester, but many students are assisted through work scholarships.

Students at Barbados Baptist Bible College not only receive training in theological knowledge and leadership skills. They are also trained in agricultural skills, personal health, hygiene, and diet basics. These skills they share with their people when they return to

their homes.

Philip Overton, missionary maintenance supervisor, oversees the mechanical operations at the college, including the upkeep of the mobile dental unit and equipment which was donated by a Baptist layman. Beginning next year, there will be a full time dental missionary in Barbados.

St. Lucia

Our next visit was in St. Lucia, where Southern Baptists have no mission work. Perhaps by next year, work can begin among the people of this beautiful island.

Home missions was the emphasis of our visit to St. Thomas. Missionary Larry Wilkinson shared with us the hope that work can begin soon in St. Thomas. Because the Virgin Islands,

including St. Thomas, are U.S. territories, work there is under the direction of the Home Mission Board.

The entire cruise was indeed a learning experience. Seeing missionaries work together in their fields of ministry made us aware of the reality of the needs of each. The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions, the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions, and the challenge of the Great Commission seemed to come alive for each member of our group.

Members of the Caribbean Mission Study Cruise will be glad to share their experiences with churches. Contact the Brotherhood Department for information.



Eastview, Laurel, Sunday School Director Wilma Hankins and Pastor Danny Henderson.

Carterville Team Builds At Honduras Dental Mission

Fourteen members of Carterville Church of Petal (Lebanon Association) returned from a mission trip to Honduras on July 14.

They were engaged in construction work on the grounds of the Honduras Baptist Dental Mission. Several buildings were completed by the team, including a dining room and a kitchen. Also, improvements and repairs were made to several other buildings.

In the evenings the members of the team traveled to a nearby village, to

hold services for adults and children. In addition, special recreation was provided for children and youth.

The team was able to minister to some refugees from Nicaragua.

Members who made the trip were Dawn and Olan Napier, Barbara and Ricky Oberst, Patricia and Arthur Herrin, Debbie Chisolm, James Johnson, Tommy Davenport, Tillman McWilliams, Raymond Napier, Boyd Tweedy, Leland Hogan, pastor, and Mark Lott.

Court Attempts To Set Split Church Together

CONWAY, S. C. (BP) — In an unusual, if not unprecedented action, a county court judge has ruled that a South Carolina Baptist Church must reinstate 16 former members who had been voted out of the fellowship following months of controversy.

The church, which earlier did not contest the suit brought against it at a hearing before a court-appointed "referee," says it will not abide by the decision because it is contrary to the historic principle of separation of church and state.

Judge O. A. Rankin, presiding over the Horry County Civil and Criminal Court, handed down the order June 22 against Hickory Grove Church in the Waccamaw Baptist Association. It

rendered the church's vote to oust the group "null and void and of no effect." Rankin is a member of First Baptist Church, Conway, S. C.

B. C. Pigg, pastor of the church for five years, says the deacons solidly support refusing the court order while vowing to appeal the case. "We don't want to seem un-Christian in this matter," he says, "but we believe that the state has no right to say who can be members of our church. We (deacons and pastor) will not recommend to the congregation that they (the former members) be reinstated — not based on a court order, anyway."

The suit brought by the former members was filed in March, 1978, with the Horry County clerk of court, asking that they be re-instated. The church obtained a lawyer but was in the process of dismissing him in April when the hearing was scheduled.

Richard Lester, an attorney from Myrtle Beach, served as "referee" at the hearing in April. No one from the church attended to contest the suit. "We realize that was a mistake," Pigg concedes. Lester's opinion, reflecting only testimony by the plaintiffs, was then given to Judge Rankin for his decision.

A. Harold Cole, executive secretary-treasurer of the South Carolina Baptist Convention, says, "I don't believe any outside group has the right to determine church membership, but that's not the whole picture here."

The convention's attorney, Preston Callison of Columbia, comments, "As a proposition of law in South Carolina, a Baptist church has the right to determine its own membership and the courts will not, ordinarily, interfere with that right."

The lawsuit stemmed from controversy over church polity. It was the church's procedure to issue an annual "call" to its pastor, or what Pigg called a "vote of confidence."

Viewing the procedure as "a divisive thing," Pigg, backed by the deacons, asked that no further votes on extending his call be taken. Petitions calling for continuation of the "call" were circulated.

A group representing signers of the petitions met with deacons and were directed to stop the petitions. Two who did not were dismissed from membership.

The other 14 voted out of the church had persisted in meeting as a separate Sunday School class, or, as one informed source said, "a church within the church."

Wayne Association Center Open House Draws Crowd

In spite of bad weather, wedding of a local pastor, and funeral for a beloved wife of a deacon, 17 of the 23 Baptist Churches of Wayne County Baptist Association were represented for the dedication, open house and reception at the Wayne County Baptist Center Sunday afternoon, July 15, 1979.

Guy Walker gave the opening prayer. Mrs. Lucille W. Bailey brought a brief sketch of the building program. Rev. W. W. Boggan introduced the guest speaker, Foy Rogers, director of the Cooperative Missions Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Charles H. Gilbert, moderator and

chairman of the building committee presented the keys to Guy Taylor, chairman of the missions committee; who, together with the congregation continued the dedication service. Gale Anderson, pastor of Strengthford Baptist Church and moderator-elect of the association delivered the prayer of dedication.

Mrs. Boggan, the pastors' wives and others arranged for a beautiful reception. Mrs. Jean Craven, WMU director of the association and Baptist Women of the Association are to be thanked for the part they had in helping make this a glorious event, said W. W. Boggan, director of missions.

Law Firm Says Wake Forest Legally Correct

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C. (BP) — A second opinion from a Winston-Salem, N. C. law firm says Wake Forest University trustees were legally correct when they took from their charter a provision which allowed the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina to elect new trustees.

The opinion, from the firm of Womble, Carlyle, Sandridge and Rice, is in direct contrast to an opinion from a Charlotte, N. C., law firm which said the trustee action had "no legal efficacy" and would not stand up in court.

The Charlotte law firm of Fleming, Robinson, Bradshaw and Hinson released its report in late May at a meeting of the General Board of the convention. It was hired by the convention to study trustee action of last Dec. 8 which removed the election-right clause from the university charter.

A spokesman for the North Carolina convention said, "Nothing in the new opinion changes or shakes our confidence in the opinion of our attorneys. Their initial reaction is that the second opinion by the Wake Forest firm will have no material effect on their conclusion that the convention has the right to elect all the trustees of Wake Forest University."

The second opinion says that the "original charter of Wake Forest contained no reference to the Baptist State Convention and gave to the trustees the power to choose their successors." In intervening years, the opinion says, there were several changes in the method of electing trustees but they were always granted by the board.

The trustees changed the charter in 1927 giving the convention the right to elect new trustees. The most recent

opinion said the trustees made this change "acting freely, unilaterally and subject to no legal compulsion."

Both opinions suggest strongly that the matter be settled out of court. Committees from the convention and trustees have been working on a new relationship since the trustee action of December 1978.

15 Outstanding Sermons Include One By Fowler

NASHVILLE — Outstanding sermon manuscripts from 15 Southern Baptist preachers have been selected from more than 300 entries for inclusion in this year's volume of **Award Winning Sermons**. J. B. Fowler of McComb is among the 15.



J. B. FOWLER, JR. (left), pastor of First Church, McComb, was one of 15 preachers selected to have outstanding sermon manuscripts included in this year's volume of **AWARD WINNING SERMONS**. Fowler is shown with Ernest Mosley, supervisor of the pastoral section of the church administration department, Baptist Sunday School Board.

The Award Winning Sermon Project is conducted to aid and encourage pastors and lend support to them, according to James Barry, preaching consultant in the church administration department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board and coordinator of the project.

One manuscript was sent by a student pastor and another came from an 88-year-old preacher in Marietta, Okla. Sermons were submitted under five categories.

Outstanding sermons in the Special Days category selected for publication were Work in Christian Perspective (Labor Day), by C. Welton Gaddy, pastor of Broadway Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas; Flowers, Tombstones, and Epitaphs (Memorial Day), by B. W. Woods, pastor of First Baptist Church, Muskogee, Okla.; and ... And on Earth, Peace (Christmas), by Lamar J. Brooks, pastor of First Baptist Church, Laurinburg, N. C.

In Christian Growth, the sermons selected were What It Takes to Make Us See, by M. Vernon Davis, pastor of First Baptist Church, Alexandria, Va.; The Advantages of Trouble, by Allen F. Harrod, Lebanon Baptist Church, Lebanon, Ky.; and The Harp or the Javelin?, by Robert J. Hastings, editor of the *Illinois Baptist*.

Death Be Not Proud, by J. B. Fowler Jr., pastor of First Baptist Church, McComb, Miss.; The Church We Love and Serve, by Fred T. Moffatt Jr., pastor of Heritage Baptist Church, Annapolis, Md.; and The Unity of the Faith, by M. O. Owens Jr., pastor of Parkwood Baptist Church, Gastonia, N. C., were selected in the Doctrine category.

In Evangelism, the sermons selected were Receiving Jesus as Lord, by Lewis A. Miller, pastor of First Baptist Church, Tequesta, Fla.; What's a Born Again Christian?, by John W. Patterson, pastor Hatcher Memorial Baptist Church, Richmond, Va.; and The God of the Lost, by M. Clay Warf, pastor of Temple Baptist Church, Durham, N. C.

Outstanding sermons in the Biography category were Jesus Christ, Pupil, by James Porch, former Mississippi pastor, now pastor of First Baptist Church, Tullahoma, Tenn.; Thomas: Locked Out by Doubt, by Joe E. Trull, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Garland, Texas; and The Way Up Is Down (Nebuchadnezzar), by J. E. Meeks, pastor of First Baptist Church, Muleshoe, Texas.

This Type Inflation We Would All Like

By Tim Nicholas

Eastview Baptist Church in Laurel is caught up in an inflationary spiral that they're proud of.

This spiral doesn't relate to the cost of things, but in the numbers of people involved in the church's Sunday School program.

Eastview, led by pastor Danny Henderson, began the spiral process last March after hearing about it during an association-wide meeting led by Jones County director of Missions Maurice Flowers and the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board's Billy Hudgens.

Hudgens, consultant in the board's Sunday School Department, explained to 84 persons at the meeting that the growth spiral "is nothing new," that it is simply "Arthur Flake's old formula put on paper to accurately project what's going to happen in Sunday School based on enrollment," said Hudgens.

The growth spiral is based on the statistical fact that about half of the enrollment of any Sunday School will be present each Sunday. "From that we suggest one teaching unit for every 10 enrolled," said Hudgens. With a worker ratio of one to ten, the suggestion is to also provide adequate meeting space and visitation of at least one person per unit per week.

Henderson took Eastview Sunday School director Wilma Hankins to the meeting. Both were impressed with the possibilities. They already had unused space in the church, trained teachers, a fast-growing community, and a large prospect list.

"Since I surrendered to the ministry, I've looked for a practical handle," said Henderson. "I guess I've read every program the convention has had. But when the spiral came out, I saw it was simple, involves everybody and was the thing I do in my ministry."

A month later, Henderson presented

the idea in church growth to the leadership of the church during a Sunday afternoon meeting and the group was enthusiastic. A goal of increasing the Sunday School enrollment by one person each Sunday was adopted.

Pastor Henderson accepted responsibility for enrolling people in the Sunday School with the teachers promising to follow up in visitation.

The program began the first of March with 221 on roll. Enrollment is now (end of June) at 237. The goal only called for 239 by the end of July.

Hudgens noted that, according to general statistics, if Sunday School attendance goes up, worship attendance, offerings, and baptisms should rise. Henderson said worship attendance and offerings were up slightly over last year but that it was too early to tell on the baptismal statistics. The church has had two baptisms in the growth spiral program time (with a goal of 1½).

A check on the Sunday school rolls showed that most of the Sunday School growth at Eastview is coming from adults — only three infants and four in preschool are in the tally.

Wilma Hankins attributed the adult growth to Henderson. "I think it's our young pastor, mixing and visiting," she said. She said the teachers have been doing a great deal of visiting.

The growth spiral plan for churches has a recommendation from Henderson "for the smallest to the largest church. Any could take it and use it, it's so simple," he said.

Adds Henderson, "The only thing that's going to make it work is hard work — doing what we're supposed to be doing as Christians."

(For information on the growth spiral, contact the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board's Sunday School Department, Box 530, Jackson, Miss., 39205.)

Ginzburg Asks Help For Son's Release

WASHINGTON (BP) — Pleading for his adopted son's release from the Soviet Union, Alexandr Ginzburg joined Peter Vins and Valentyn Moroz in testifying before the Helsinki Com-

mission here.

Ginzburg and Moroz were among the Soviet dissidents exchanged for two convicted Soviet spies in April. Both of the Vins have served prison terms for religious activities.

Ginzburg's family had expected to join him in the United States, as George Vins' family did last month, but Soviet authorities have refused to allow Sergei Shibayev, his adopted son, to leave the country. They assert that Sergei was never formally adopted and therefore is not a part of the Ginzburg family.

Ginzburg presented legal documentation to the commission showing that Soviet law recognizes children accepted into a family unit on a permanent basis for upbringing and financial support without formal adoption as de facto wards.

Sergei, now 19 years old and serving in the Soviet Army despite medical disabilities, has lived with the Ginzburgs for five years. His mother and stepfather are chronic alcoholics. Mrs. Ginzburg has been given a deadline to leave the Soviet Union by July 25 without her adopted son or forfeit the right to leave under the agreement negotiated at the time of her husband's expulsion.

Ginzburg revealed that the Soviet secret police (KGB) have continued to persecute his family. "Ten days ago, for example, the steering mechanism of a car in which our small children usually ride was tampered with. A catastrophe was imminent. The mechanics who repaired the car asked: 'Who wanted your death that much?'"

Peter Vins, accompanied by his grandmother Lydia, who has served a three-year prison sentence for her religious activism, told the commissioners numerous Ukrainians have suffered unjustly at the hands of Soviet authorities.

The Helsinki Commission, a joint legislative-executive panel of six senators, six representatives and three executive branch officials, was created by Congress in 1976 to monitor and encourage compliance with the Final Act of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe signed in August 1975 at Helsinki.

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Five-Year Limit Threatens Missionaries

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test out this possibility through new missionaries under appointment and now awaiting visas for Indonesia."

If this rule continues, it will affect new areas of work the most, followed by mission institutions, Wakefield said. "Indonesian Baptists stand to lose the impetus in new work if our missionaries leave," he said. "Although Indonesian Baptists have been involved in starting new churches, the major emphasis of mission work has been in . . . (the area of new work)."

"For institutions, we will have to scale down our work in hospitals and seminaries until it reaches a level where the Indonesians have the manpower to take over," Wakefield said. Departure of missionaries will least

affect established churches, where the missionary's role is secondary. Since 1971, when the Indonesian Mission moved to indigenous policy in church development, the churches have become fully independent, both in finances and programming, Wakefield said.

This new development appears to be another step in the Indonesian government's plan to place Indonesians in jobs now held by foreigners. Just a year ago, the minister of religion announced an edict which would require missionaries to train Indonesians to replace them within two years.

Another edict prohibited witnessing to anyone who already has another religion, but its enforcement has not prevented effective missions work.

Seabough Named HMB Associate Director

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the board and serve as liaison on behalf of the executive director to SBC leadership."

Seabough will continue work in areas of public relations, special programs and events and promotion. Before his election as Tanner's associate, Seabough was director of public relations and special events.

Seabough is a graduate of Southwest Baptist College, Bolivar, Mo., Southwest Missouri State College, Springfield, and Southwest Baptist Theological Seminary. Prior to becoming director of public relations and special events, he was director of personnel recruitment for the Home Mission Board. Previously, he served for eight years as consultant to the student department of the Baptist Sunday School Board and as Baptist Student Union and music secretary in the Oregon-Washington Baptist Convention, now the Northwest Baptist Convention.

He is author of three books for college students, two books for home mission study, and recently completed "The Doctrine of Missions" for the church training department of the Baptist Sunday School Board. He also is an award-winning lyricist, having written the lyrics for 17 musicals including "Encounter," "Joy," and "The Fabric of Freedom." Several of his hymns are included in the Baptist Hymnal.

Day, a native of Greenfield, Tenn., becomes director of the Communications Division Aug. 1, succeeding James M. Sapp, who took early retirement last September.

As communications director, Day will oversee the work of editorial, art, audio-visuals and promotion at the Home Mission Board. He will be responsible to administer and develop a "balanced and effective Home Mission Board communications effort."

Day, a graduate of Union University in Jackson, Tenn., Bethel College in McKenzie, Tenn., and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, has been director of the promotion department of the board since 1965. During his tenure at the board, he earned a doctor of ministries degree from Southern Seminary, focussing attention on development of a promotion plan for the board.

Prior to coming to the board, Day was associate secretary of direct missions at the Baptist General Convention of Texas, state director of missions for the Michigan Baptist Convention, and a pastor in Lansing, Mich., and Tennessee. He is a chaplain in the U. S. Naval Reserve.

Dawson replaces Kenneth Brooks, who resigned from his staff position to accept missionary assignment in Hawaii.

Dawson, a native of Richmond, Va., has been associated with language missions at the board since 1966, after having been director of language missions for the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention. Previously, he was missionary pastor of a Spanish-speaking mission in Sacramento, Calif., and a pastor in North Carolina. He is a graduate of the University of Richmond and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Dawson will assist in recruiting, screening and recommending candidates for missionary appointment, working primarily in the western United States, Hawaii and American Samoa.

In other business, Kenneth Brooks of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board personnel staff was among 33 persons appointed to home missions service during the July meeting of the board's directors at Glorieta Baptist Conference Center.

Others appointed as missionaries were: Jackie and Eletha McClung of Atlanta; Art and Darlene Taylor of Jacksonville, Fla.; and Vernon and Fern Wickliffe of Hope, Ark.

Appointed as missionary associates were: Stanley and Joanie Albright of Gatlinburg, Tenn.; Jerry and Jacqueline Folsom of Alamogordo, N. M.; Dixie Lynn Hunke of Beaverton, Ore.; Perry Joe and Cheryl Petty of Tyler, Texas; and Joshua and Somchit Vang of Des Moines, Iowa. Sixteen mission pastors were approved to receive financial aid.

Brooks, who will serve the Kona Baptist Church in Hawaii, has been associate director of the department of missionary personnel at the Home Mission Board since 1975.

Jackie and Eletha McClung will continue to work at the Stewart Baptist Center in Atlanta where they have been missionary associates since 1974.

The Taylors will continue to live in Jacksonville where they have served the Franklin Street Baptist Church since 1977. They will begin new ministries as directors of Christian Social Ministries for the Jacksonville Baptist Association.

Wickliffe will be director of missions in a rural-urban setting in southwestern Michigan. Wickliffe, an Arkansas native, was pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church in Hope prior to appointment.

Corpus Christi, Tex. (RNS) — A Nueces County grand jury has indicted fundamentalist evangelist Lester Roloff on charges of operating an unlicensed child-care home. Roloff has for six years resisted orders of the Texas Department of Human Resources to license his three homes for troubled teenagers. The homes were finally closed recently by court order.

Carolyn Madison

53 Years With No Vacation From Vacation Bible School

By Anne McWilliams

It dawned on Carolyn Madison a few weeks ago, during VBS at Parkway, Jackson, that this is the 53rd consecutive summer she has taught Bible school.

The first one where she taught was in 1926 at her hometown church at Brooksville, the summer after she graduated from Blue Mountain College.

Later, she taught plenty of them while she was an associate with the Mississippi Baptist Sunday School Department, from 1940 until her retirement in 1973. The most unforgettable of those, she says, was for an 18 x 20 foot log cabin church in Walthall County. Each of the four departments met under a tree. Even the commencement was outside under the trees; there were three adult conversions.

"The memory I treasure most is that

of winning a deaf boy to Christ," she said, "at a rural VBS in Holmes County." They communicated by notes. The boy, 17, was a Catholic, but said he had not experienced the new birth.

She recalled, "At the commencement service he came forward during the invitation hymn, and laid his crucifix in my hands."

While with the Sunday School Department she sometimes directed as many as six Vacation Bible Schools in one summer, but that was her maximum number for a year. In early years of travel she went by bus and stayed in homes of church members. Sunday would be Preparation Day and Friday night commencement time. "In afternoons I shelled peas so the women could help me teach in the mornings," she remembered.

Before 1940 she taught school and in summers was a special worker for Church Training and Sunday School.

In 1930 she led the first Vacation Bible School ever held at Parkway Church, Jackson. This summer in Vacation Bible School at Parkway, she was coordinator for the preschoolers.



William Smiley and Frank Hope cut floor molding.

Flood Victims Still Need Volunteer Help

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perenced. And I doubt others would be aware unless they saw it."

The week of labor the men (and Hope's wife Elba) completed in Jackson in several homes, bring the work one step closer to an end. But, it is far from over.

Don Pittman, who heads up volunteer forces for Colonial Heights Baptist Church flood victims, says that 30 to 40 families in his church alone still need some form of work, "from as little as painting to as big as hanging sheetrock."

He said crews are still needed. "Our men are worn out," he said of the volunteers from his own church, many of whom had been flood victims themselves.

He added, "The volunteer force was not nearly what we thought it would be."

Williams said he received help from about four churches, including Baptist churches and Christ United Methodist Church in Jackson which gave sheetrock, insulation and paint.

He said he sees good things coming out of the disaster. "It helped bring everyone closer together and makes you appreciate your fellow man and the help of the Lord in times of need,"

Mississippians Named Foreign Missionaries

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Texas, and the master of divinity degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., and expects to receive the doctor of ministry degree from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C.

Mrs. Young, the former Gail Longino, was born in Brookhaven, Miss., but also lived in Silver Creek, Lumberton, Hattiesburg and Poplarville,

Miss., while growing up. She received the bachelor of arts degree from University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, but also attended Mississippi College, Clinton, Miss., and Baylor University.

Mrs. Young was a summer missionary in San Francisco under the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board. Young was pastor of New Harmony (Ind.) Baptist Church and associate pastor and later pastor of First Baptist Church, Oak Ridge, Tenn. He accompanied the Oak Ridge youth group on a mission tour to Trinidad. Mrs. Young has served as church organist and a youth worker in Oak Ridge and taught school in Indiana.

The Youngs have two daughters, Melissa DeAnne, born in 1966, and Emily Elizabeth, 1976, and a son, Bradley David, 1968. The family will go to Pine Mountain, Ga., in September for a 14-week orientation before leaving for the field.

Reginald and Karen Quimby were also appointed.

They will work in Spain, where he will be a general evangelist and she will be a church and home worker. He is minister to youth and associate pastor of Spring Hill Baptist Church, Mobile, Ala.

Born in Pensacola, Fla., Quimby grew up in Mobile, Ala. He received the bachelor of arts degree from Mobile College and the master of divinity degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. He also attended William Carey College, Hattiesburg, Miss.

Before coming to the Mobile church, Quimby was pastor of First Baptist Church, Gantt, Ala.; minister of youth at First Baptist Church, Corsicana, Texas, and associate in music and youth at Fostepco Heights Baptist Church, Fort Worth, and Griffin Street Baptist Church in Moss Point, Miss. He also was pastor of Jones Chapel Baptist Church in Owassa, Ala.; music and youth director at Berean Baptist Church, Mobile, and music leader at First Baptist Church, McLain, Miss.

Mrs. Quimby, the former Karen King, was born in Beaumont, Texas.

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\$7,000 Raised

Becky Ratliff, Missions Director of the Baptist Student Union at Mississippi State University, stands on a chair to complete the chart showing that students at MSU raised over \$7000 for Student Missions during 1978-79. Looking on are (left to right) June Scoggins, associate BSU director, Wanda Potts, secretary of the Baptist Student Union, and Doug Houston, a former summer missionary. This money goes toward the State BSU Missions Goal of \$50,000.

Missionaries Need Your Help!

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there is grass root support for it.

In a news release about this law, Senator Thad Cochran of Mississippi stated that he believes the authors of the 1978 act did not realize the impact that law would have on workers in charitable and religious organizations.

Consequently, Senator Cochran has introduced a bill to amend that law, Called S-1372, his bill is in the Senate Finance Committee, of which Louisiana's Russell Long is chairman.

This past week, Mississippi's Congressman David Bowen introduced the identical bill in the House. This bill: HR-4796, goes to the House Ways and Means Committee, of which Al Ullman is chairman.

There is evidence that with sufficient support from concerned Christians across America, these bills can pass and a grave injustice be remedied. Letters from numerous congressmen to members of the Foreign Mission Board indicate that they are sympathetic to the cause. Senator Barry Goldwater said, "You can count on my support for a new amendment to clarify that employees of public charities and religious organizations are exempt."

Now all we need is one million letters to Congress! Repeatedly, our elected officials there have stated they have to know the American people want this law changed. That means letters.

We Baptists are strange people. If Madalyn Murray O'Hair were leading a campaign to tax our mission program, we would have a million letters in Washington by sundown! But since it's only Congress, we grow apathetic and assume nothing can be done. However, the law can be changed!

Recently, we asked a lobbyist how to write letters to Congress about an issue. Here are his suggestions:

- 1) Be brief. Three sentences is enough. Tell that you support S-1372 and HR-4796 and ask him to support them.
- 2) Write the letter in your own handwriting.
- 3) Don't mimeograph postcards or letters, and don't copy someone else's. Use your own words.
- 4) Write all of your state's representatives and senators. You can do that in 15 minutes.
- 5) Get the members of your church involved in this. You could do that in 10 minutes during prayer meeting. Even 20 letters from your church members would be fantastic.

One more important point: during August Congress will be in recess. Members of Congress will be back in their home states. Go to see them. In personal visits and in public meetings, express your concern for this tax law that is threatening our mission program and ask them to help.

Members of Congress all have one thing in common: they pay attention to what their constituents say. When the voters have no opinion about a particular bill, a congressman will conclude it has no support. But when his mailman works overtime carrying sacks of mail on a certain bill, you can rest assured he will read his mail and get to work.

Gulfshore Has Retreat Space Available

Gulfshore Baptist Assembly has what you need if you need a place to have a church retreat.

Frank Simmons, manager at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, Pass Christian, reports that Aug. 9-11 is available for a church group to have a retreat.

For further information, phone him at 452-7261.

Fund Reaches Record High

The Variable Fund offered by the Annuity Board reached a record high in June, according to Darold H. Morgan, Board president.

At the end of June, the per unit value stood at \$2.1712, the highest level since the Variable was launched in 1960.

Morgan said the previous unit high was \$2.1382, a mark set December 31, 1972.

Probably no medical question has been more fully researched and proved than the relationship of smoking to health. The inescapable conclusion is that smoking affects adversely every organ, system and function of the body. — Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare.

Sunday School Training Offered At Gulfshore

Sunday School Training opportunities come in three packages this summer in Mississippi.

The three packages are mini-conferences at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, Pass Christian and offer the newest in training methods, materials, and strategies for teaching Sunday School.

Dates for the conferences are July 30-Aug. 1; Aug. 2-4; and Aug. 6-8. Each

boys will have the opportunity to experience a week at Royal Ambassador Camp.

This beautiful 360 acre tract that communicates so well God's world of nature is enriched by the mission flavor of each activity.

The camp program is designed to minister to the spiritual, physical, mental and social needs of every camper. All boys grades 4-12 may participate in camping.

The cost is \$40 and registration should be done through the local church. For additional information, call 354-3704 or write the Brotherhood Department, Box 530, Jackson, Miss., 39205.

meeting begins with the evening meal at 5:30 p.m., and adjourns Wednesday noon and Saturday noon.

Reservations may be made by writing or calling Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, Henderson Point, Pass Christian, Miss., 39571. Phone: (601) 452-7261.

For program information, write or call the Sunday School Department, Box 530, Jackson, Miss. 39205. Phone: (601) 354-3704.



Rainy days don't stop the wagon rides for children on fifth floor of Mississippi Baptist Medical Center in Jackson, especially on Fridays when Carolyn Madison shows up to be the "entertainer." (Photo courtesy MBMC)

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Editorials

The Hungry Of The World . . .

The Need Is For Food And Prayers

Aug. 1 is World Hunger Day. If there was ever a time when the hungry of the world should be in our thoughts, in our prayers, and on the receiving end of our gifts, it is now.

Perhaps there has been a time when there were so many human beings in such dire need, but the memory fails to recollect it. People all over the world are starving.

Our attention lately has been called most forcefully to the refugees from the revolutionary takeovers in Southeast Asia countries. Surely their plight is desperate. How much more desperate than some others is a comparison few of us are in position to make since we cannot grasp in any measure the severity of the suffering of any of them.

It would be impossible to list all of the places in the world where people are in desperate need of food. Those

refugees fleeing Nicaragua and moving into Honduras provide one example. They are without enough food and are dependent on the rest of the world to feed them. Other areas that would stand out in the mind are Upper Volta, Bangladesh, and India. Even our own United States, our own state, perhaps our own cities are not exempt.

Along the dusty valley of the Rio Grande before it gets to that verdant citrus fruit paradise called the Lower Rio Grande Valley live some of the poorest people in our nation. And just across that river in Mexico live some of the poorest people in the world. On some of the Indian reservations in Arizona live some people who have just enough to eat, and that's all. There are no extras and no frills.

Perhaps the greatest need is among the Southeast Asia refugees fleeing communism. They are not only hungry. Many of them have no place to go.

It is true that for the most part they purchased their misery, for many of them were well off and were able to buy their way on to the boats that held out the possibility of freedom.

Whether what they have is better than what they had is something we cannot know. They are hoping to get to the United States; and Mississippians are being urged to help provide them sponsorship, homes, and jobs. And even though they were able to pay for their exit from communist-controlled lands, their money is useless, if any is left, as they sit on overcrowded boats in the ocean with no place to dock.

All right. What can we do about it in the United States? Just sitting around thinking up catch phrases to try to encourage someone else to act will not get the job done. We've got to furnish some money — actually a lot of it. We've got to find some way of provid-

ing a means of living for many of these people.

Probably there won't be enough help from other nations that could help; so if we don't do something, they are going to sit out in the ocean and die. Or in India they are going to lie down in the street and not wake up the next morning. Or they are going to die in Upper Volta or in Bangladesh.

Maybe we don't want to be bothered. But there is nobody else to do it.

We can't take care of all of the world's hungry physically or financially. We can pray for all of them, however, and to stop short of that goal would be sinful. Even our prayers will do little good, though, unless they are accompanied by faith. Simply to mouth prayers because they are expected will not benefit the needy. We must realize that the Lord can help, and our prayers must be made from that perspective.

Central Hills . . .

Nature's Inspirational Song

When Central Hills Baptist Retreat opened for business this summer for Royal Ambassador camps it marked the first phase of the culmination of a dream begun five years ago with the purchase of the property near Kosciusko.

The dream has undergone revisions through the intervening years as it has had to be shaped by financial resources; but the camp is in use now, and the first groups of boys to use its facilities are enjoying their part in a historic adventure.

Levon Moore, director of missions in Attala Association, has been the chairman of the Central Hills Development Committee all along; and it has been he who has been on the scene pushing and prodding and explaining and working until it is now a reality.

It is not a finished product yet. Some fine facilities are yet to be developed there. There was just not enough time before the camping season began this summer. The swimming pool is there, and it is a beauty. Two permanent bath houses are in use. And the barn and the corral for a good-sized string of horses are there.

The boys sleep on cots in top-quality tents that are raised on platforms. This year two boys are staying in a tent, and they are very roomy. The tents are to be a permanent part of the camp scene. So the tents, swimming pool, bath houses, corral, and barn are completed. Yet to be finished are the camp center building and the amphitheater along with a general shape up of the entire area.

It is a wilderness wonderland for the

boys. Nature is all about them. A 16-acre lake offers fishing and canoeing. Meals are served this year under a tent with the closest of supervision. They are being catered by a restaurant in Kosciusko. Next year there will be a modern kitchen and dining room facility as well as quarters for the camp staff during the summer in the camp center building. The boys and their counselors will continue to live in the tents with the tents in clusters for easy supervision by the counselors.

Paul Harrell, director of the Brotherhood Department, and RA consultant Rusty Griffin have outlined a very effective camping program for this new camp that belongs to Mississippi Baptists. There are 360 acres out there, and more than 100 boys each week are enjoying it.

The writer was out there during the first week of operation. Through the years this camp will mean a great deal to Royal Ambassadors in Mississippi, and the inspiration that comes from spiritual experiences in the camp will mean much to the Lord's witness in the world. Decisions for the pastorate, for missions, and for all other avenues of ministry will be made as the years roll along and Central Hills continues its influence. The beautiful lake, the tall pine trees, the rolling hills, the gentle horses, and the song that nature sings will all have their impact.

Dan West is the manager at Central Hills Baptist Retreat. We can expect to have a first-class facility there that is getting started this year in very good shape and that will improve as the years go by.

The Pesky Errors . . .

Show Up Best In Print

Errors show up the easiest after the paper has gone to press. There were two such instances last week. One was in the editorial concerning the effort to set aside legislation that requires overseas workers for religious and charitable institutions to pay U. S. income taxes. This is a 1978 law referring to 1979 income. Previously there had been an exemption for such workers who were making less than \$20,000 per year.

One word was wrong in the editorial. The last word in the first paragraph should have been "passed" rather than "shelved." The paragraph was referring to the fact that legislation has been introduced that would restore the \$20,000 exemption. The final sentence of the paragraph should point out that three Mississippians are lending their efforts to getting this legislation passed. The "shelved" was meant to apply to the current legislation that did

away with the exemption. The three Mississippians are Sen. Thad Cochran, Rep. David Bowen, and Joe McKeever, pastor of First Church, Columbus, and a member of the Foreign Mission Board.

The other error was one of repetition. An item with the headline, "SBC Discussion on Inerrancy of the Bible is Recounted," discussed the three-way discussion during the convention between Wayne Dehoney of Louisville;

Larry Lewis of St. Louis; and Adrian Rogers, the new president of Memphis. The first part of the item was a verbatim account of that discussion as it happened on the convention floor. That was followed by an abbreviated account of the same discussion. The abbreviated account had come to the office earlier and the two had inadvertently gotten clipped together before going to the printer.

Please pardon the confusion.

Guest Opinion . . .

Needed: Alcoholism Prevention Services

By John Rankin

The expanding involvement of women and youth in the abuse of alcohol is a special cause for concern. Youthful alcoholics tend to become severely debilitated much more quickly than adults. Women have a risk of giving birth to infants with fetal alcohol syndrome, commonly referred to as FAS, if they consume even moderate amounts of alcohol when they are pregnant. FAS infants may exhibit such defects as slow growth before and after birth, small head, facial irregularities, malformed organs and

limbs, mental retardation, and hyperactivity:

- Referrals to Mississippi youth courts for alcohol problem behavior rose 70.6 percent from 1973 to 1977 for youths generally, but such referrals for white females increased 170 percent during the same five year time span.
- Deaths due to alcoholic cirrhosis of the liver among both white and non-white females were three times as high in 1977 as the 1966.

The prevention of alcoholism among youth and among women, and especially the prevention of FAS, are top priorities of the National Institute of Alcoholism and Alcohol Abuse. The rising abuse of alcohol by women and youth in Mississippi would seem to indicate similar priorities for the Mississippi Department of Mental Health, our State's lead agency in the areas of alcoholism prevention, treatment, and related training and informational programs. Yet, the primary alcohol prevention agency in Mississippi places a very low priority prevention programs:

- The Mississippi State Department of Mental Health allocated only 0.2 percent of its more than \$37,000,000 fiscal 1980 operating budget to alcohol abuse prevention.
- The Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse, within the State Mental Health Department, has budgeted over twice as much funds for administration as for prevention, i.e., 8.0 percent of the alcohol program budget will go for administration versus 3.8 percent for prevention programs.

The current policy, of placing an ever increasing share of the cost of an ever increasing structure of alcohol treatment services and bureaucracy

on tax monies derived from the sale of alcoholic beverages by the State, does little to encourage enthusiasm for prevention programs on the part of state officials. Now, increasing alcohol consumption leads to both increasing funding for the Department of Mental Health's growing alcohol treatment establishment and increasing numbers of alcoholics needing such services.

Unfortunately, increasing sales of alcoholic beverages does not generate funds for families victimized by increasing alcohol related highway fatalities, up 61.5 percent from 1965 to 1978, or increases in alcohol-related crime, family violence, loss of employee productivity, and other such social costs of alcohol abuse.

No reasonable person would find fault with efforts to help those alcoholics whose drinking careers originated in the context of the great depression, foreign wars, natural catastrophes, and other upheavals during Mississippi prohibition era. But what of the massive spread of alcohol use and abuse associated with the spread of multiple drug use among the youth of the 1960's and the 1970's, the last decade of economic hardship and widespread social change, with its own foreign war? What of those who will become the youths of the 1980's and the 1990's certainly there is justice in the use of alcohol sales tax funds to operate halfway houses and other treatment facilities. Perhaps there is also an intrinsic need for the money generated by the use of alcohol to be used to reduce the extent and the risk of the abuse of alcohol.

Many Mississippians are unaware that they have legal and easily accessible channels for reviewing and for

helping to define state alcohol prevention and treatment plans and operations. In addition to such generally useful contacts as legislative representatives and the Governor's hot line, every Community Mental Health Center, The State Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse in the Mental Health Department, and the Board of Mental Health are open to the public and have special advisory councils composed of Mississippians from every county or mental health region in the State. All of these agencies and advisory councils are charged by law with determining and incorporating public opinion into their planning efforts. In addition, any citizen always has the right to request information or make comments through his congressional delegation or directly to the National Institute of Alcoholism and Alcohol Abuse in Washington, D. C.

Formal Statement

All of the above agencies contribute to, review, and approve, in whole or in part, the Mississippi State Alcohol Plan, which is completed in the spring of each year and projects activities for the coming fiscal year. Prepared by the Department of Mental Health's Alcohol and Drug Division, the annual State Alcohol Plan is Mississippi's formal statement of alcohol problems, program, and funding requirements, and actual priorities. This plan, in effect, determines the alcohol program spending priorities for every man, woman, and child in Mississippi and is therefore a document worthy of attention by those concerned about alcoholism in our state.

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Letters To The Editor

Visitation Plans

Editor:
The Sunday School Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board would like to hear from any who have an effective visitation plan in operation.

Is the visitation plan conducted weekly, semi-monthly, or monthly? How many people participate in the visitation plan? What is the present Sunday School enrollment? What is the present Sunday School attendance?

If you have a good visitation plan in operation, please send the above information.

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127 Ninth Avenue North
Nashville, TN 37234

Expenses For Missionaries

Editor:
Recently, one of our foreign missionaries was asked to fill the pulpit for the pastor while he was away. After driving 300 miles to be at the church, the missionary had to pay his own motel, meals, and travel expenses. He received no honorarium.

In another instance, a missionary of the Home Mission Board arrived in a city on Saturday evening in order to speak in two churches the following day. The Sunday morning service was with a large downtown congregation. The evening program was in a smaller church where the service was poorly attended. Neither church paid the missionary's lodging or meals. The smaller one gave him ten dollars at the close of the service.

The same is true many times of missionaries who serve under our State Mission organizations.

These instances, while not typical of a majority of Southern Baptist churches, do point up a need for better sharing of information with churches which invite missionaries to speak. SBC missionaries do not receive travel allowances from their respective Boards when they are invited to speak at Conventions, Association meetings, and churches. Their salaries are modest and, though their dedication to Christ is great, they should not be penalized financially in reporting to the churches. Travel, meals, and lodging are excessively high. Churches, large and small, are better able to assume these expenses than the missionaries who have no other source of income than their salary and the generosity of the churches where they speak.

The missionaries are anxious to speak and assist in any way possible in our church. They should be called upon as often as possible. But how nice it is when churches furnish a room either in the home of a member or in a nearby motel. How thoughtful it is when they invite the missionary out for his or her meals. How it helps when the church or churches see to it that a mileage allowance is given the missionary for travel expenses. This type of mission giving is good for the missionary, good for the church, and good for the whole cause of Christ. We might even hear Jesus say: "Inasmuch as you did it unto these missionaries, you did it unto me."

John W. Patterson, President
Foreign Mission Board

Concerned Over Battle

Editor:
Please allow me to express my concerns over the recent revival of the painfully old battle between "conservatives" and "liberals."

One concern is that the battle exists. I, along with others, see this battle as a tool of Satan to divert our attention from our Bold Mission Goal of reaching the World with the Gospel. It is tragic that we are unable to leave the "elementary teachings" (Hebrews 6:1) and get on with doing what the Scripture instructs.

Another concern is over the definition of terms. The terms "liberal" and "conservative" have as many definitions as there are Southern Baptists. If a battle must exist, then let us call for a specific definition of these terms. Much confusion could be avoided by doing so.

Still another concern is the effort to make all Baptists conform to one approach to Scripture. Certainly we do not want to be guilty of limiting God by saying that He can only speak through one interpretation of His Word. God speaks to the needs of individuals, and that often requires dealing with various intellectual levels and interpretations of His Word. Let us allow Him the privilege of speaking through whomever He pleases.

I am thankful for the integrity of each seminary professor I had. I am deeply troubled at the lack of consideration on the part of some for their feelings and reputations. I feel that they deserve much more credit than they receive for the good they do.

Thank you very much,
Doug Warren, Pastor
Calvary Baptist Church
Silver Creek, Miss.

The Preacher's Home

Editor:
Where did the ridiculous word "pastorium" — referring to the preacher's home — come from?

It sounds like a cross between a sanatorium and a pastureizing plant.

There is nothing wrong with the sensible, dignified word — Parsonage — that has been used for many years.

See if you can get this across to the writers (?) on your staff.

Mrs. Clifton H. Morgan
Jackson

My dictionary (?) indicates that a parsonage is "the dwelling provided by the church for the use of its parson" and a pastorium is a word that relates to pastor and, particularly in the South, is "a Protestant, especially a Baptist, parsonage." — Editor

Twice-Taxed Missionaries

Editor:
I was very surprised and at the same time very happy and encouraged to read about Senator Cochran introducing legislation for Missionary Tax Exemption. My parents are missionaries in Brazil. My husband, Philip, and I just recently returned from Brazil on a six-month volunteer missionary program. While there we heard and sensed the rising concern from the missionaries about this new U. S. income tax law. In years past the missionaries in Brazil paid Brazilian income tax but only had to file American income tax and were exempt from paying it. Beginning with 1979 they will, like all other Americans abroad, have to pay American income tax also. Each missionary couple was told by the Foreign Mission Board, S.B.C. that they would need to save at least \$1,500 per year for this purpose. The Foreign Mission Board would like to help the missionaries in paying this but as Dr. Thurman Bryant, Area Secretary for Eastern South America, said, it would cost the Foreign Mission Board at least 3 million dollars per year to do this. Of course this would be impossible.

Southern Baptist Missionaries' salaries are much lower in comparison with salaries here in the United States. Missionaries do receive many benefits such as housing, car, and help in their children's education. These benefits, however, will not help them pay their income taxes. \$1,500 or more annually will be extremely hard for most missionaries to come up with. Missionaries all over the world are now facing many problems trying to keep up with the spiraling inflation abroad (in Brazil it was over 48 percent last year) and the decline of the U. S. dollar. There is no way the F.M.B. can keep up with this economic situation. As you can see this is a very serious problem. I'm encouraged that Senator Cochran has taken the initiative to get missionaries exempt from this new tax law. He cannot, of course, do it alone. I urge all concerned Southern Baptists to write their U. S. Senators and express their concern over this matter. It is your privilege to do so. It would only take a few minutes but it would be very much appreciated by many families all over the world. Thank you for your concern, interest, help and Christian love.
Debbie Trott Pierce
Clinton

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

Lyda Ellard and Connie Lee Murphree read their new Scofield Bible.

Lyda is hands and feet for Connie Lee. Loving and attentive, she is nurse and companion, friend and prayer-mate, as well as aunt. Connie Lee, because of injury at birth, cannot walk and talks very little. Lyda is one of the few who can understand the words she speaks. I asked, "Do you read Connie Lee's mind?" and she said, "Almost. I asked the Lord that I might be able to communicate with her so that she might never want for anything, and He has given me the ability to do that." Sometimes she asks questions while Connie Lee shakes her head yes or no.

At First Baptist and Second Baptist Church in Calhoun City she gives out tracts at Vacation Bible School. Lyda orders tracts from the Baptist Build-



Connie Lee has a sign on her wheelchair, "Jesus Saves."

The dark-haired Lyda, one of 11 children, taught school for a while, and then worked at the Ben Franklin Store in Calhoun City. She retired to order to

I thought, "How many of us with nimble feet and hands, and tongues that will do our bidding, are as faithful as she is, in witnessing?"

High School graduates work all summer for nothing, miles from home? Yes, that is what sojourners do. Sojourners are high school graduates from Southern Baptist churches that give the summer serving in churches throughout the United States. Janet Cooper from New Hebron, Miss., and Pam Wood from Radcliff, Ky. are serving the Caudle Avenue Church, Springdale, Ark., in conjunction with the Washington-Madison Baptist Association as Vacation Bible School workers. These young women are on the job teaching first and second graders at Caudle Avenue. Backyard Bible Clubs are a part of the program also. During the week of June 25-30, they conducted Back Yard Bible Clubs in selected areas of Springdale. The Vacation Bible School director and pastor at Caudle Avenue Church, Emile A. Rousseau, Jr., is a native of Mississippi. (Photo by Charles Bickford, SPRINGDALE NEWS.)

Mark and Cecile Alexander, missionaries to Argentina, have completed furlough and returned to the field (address: Casilla 344, 7600 Mar del Plata, Argentina). He is a native of South Norfolk, Va., and she is from Corinth, Miss.

Victor Tupitza, an American Baptist clergyman and journalist, has been named director of denominational services for the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, Washington, D.C. Tupitza, director of communication for denominational concerns for the American Baptist Churches in the U.S.A., Valley Forge, Pa., for the past five years, has served American Baptists in several capacities since 1966. He succeeds **Stan L. Hasty**, who was named last fall as the agency's director of information services.

David E. Townsend has resigned Coaltown Fellowship Church of Purvis, to accept the pastorate of Woodawn Church, Baxley, Ga. Townsend has served several churches Mississippi and was pastor three years on the pioneer mission field in Ohio. For three years he had been serving in Purvis. He attended William Carey College and New Orleans Seminary and received a Master's degree in school administration from U.S.M. Though already on their new field the Townsends will continue to maintain their permanent home in Purvis where they will live when retirement time comes.)

Thursday, July 26, 1979

Eden (Yazoo): July 29-August 3. James Fancher, Jackson, evangelist; Sunday morning service at 11, evenings at 7. Joey Bennett, pastor.

Nine-tenths of wisdom consists in being wise in time. — Theodore Roosevelt

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WEDNESDAY

FELLOWSHIP DINNER	PRAYER SERVICE	6:30 PM
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Just For The Record . . .



GA's AT DUMAS CHURCH sponsored a Mother-Daughter Candlelight dinner on June 22. Carol Jean Hill, right, and her daughter, Pam Hill, were among the guests. Every GA in the church and her mother was present. Pam Hill, center, the new minister of music and youth at Dumas Church, gave a talk on summer missions and showed slides from her two summers as a missionary in the Northwest. Miss Hill is a graduate of Louisiana College and New Orleans Seminary.



CASON CHURCH (MONROE) enrolled 401 in Vacation Bible School, a record number for the church. Average attendance for the night school was 319. Twelve made professions of faith in Christ. This is unusual because Cason is a country church with an average of 250 in Sunday School, and average 130 brought in on buses. They have a Children's Church. James Rutledge, pastor, states, "Vacation Bible School was an expression of our love for children and we want to encourage others in these endeavors."

Young People Lead 5 Backyard Bible Clubs In Pascagoula

Young people of Parkway Church, Pascagoula are leading in five simultaneous Backyard Bible Clubs this week, July 23-27. These clubs are an hour and a half of Bible stories, recreation, games, and refreshments.

They are being held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Verbeck, 2607 Pleasant St., Pascagoula, at 2 p.m.; at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Davis,

3501 Yucca Lane, Escatawpa, at 8:30 a.m.; at Beach Park, Pascagoula, at 2 p.m.; at Pine Lake Park, Pine Street, Pascagoula, at 10 a.m.; and at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Havard, 3306 Macphail Road, Moss Point, at 2 p.m.

Children ages 6-11 have been invited. Kenna Byrd is the Parkway pastor.

Bethel Church, Bogie, Chitto, will have its 71st anniversary homecoming services Aug. 5. Former pastors will preach at the morning service which starts at 10:45 (Sunday School begins at 10). A covered dish meal will be served at noon. At 1:30 p.m. special music will be presented by Calvary Church Ensemble and the South McComb Trio. There will be no evening service. Tommy Purvis is pastor.

First Church, Boyle, will have homecoming day on July 29, according to the pastor, Harvey Webb. C. C. Caraway will preach the morning message, and 50-year members will be recognized. An afternoon singing will follow the fellowship (covered dish) dinner at the church.

Bowlin Church, Attala County, has set July 29 as Building Fund Day. Music for the morning worship service will be presented by guest singers, the Pearl Quartet from Pearl.

Dinner will be served at the church following the morning worship. The church recently completed an annex which provides additional classrooms, kitchen, bathrooms, and fellowship hall. All offerings for the day will go toward debt retirement on the new building, according to Walter Hines, pastor.

Gulf Gardens Church, Gulfport gave its senior adults a banquet and had a special senior adult day. From this has come a senior adult week day program, according to James Whittington, pastor.

Briar Hill Church, Rankin County, will hold ground breaking ceremonies Sunday afternoon, July 29, at 2:30 p.m., for an education building. Roy Garrison is the pastor.

Center Grove Church, Meridian, will have a note burning service to commemorate payment of debt on the sanctuary at 11 a.m. July 29. All friends and former members are invited. Jake Williams, pastor.

Tokyo, Japan — Jordan Press, publishing house for the Japan Baptist Convention in Tokyo, has reported sales of more than \$2,705,000 during 1978 through its seven Baptist bookstores across the nation. The press published 13 new books, reprinted 30, and continued to publish two church school magazines. A total of 200 book titles are listed in the current catalog. The press expects to publish as many as 29 new books during 1979, according to Lois (Mrs. Charles L.) Whaley, Southern Baptist missionary press representative.

West Virginia Baptists Name Thomas Halsell Chief Executive

ST. ALBANS, W. Va. (BP) — Thomas Earl Halsell, evangelism and stewardship development director for Indiana Southern Baptists, has been elected as the second executive secretary-treasurer of the West Virginia Convention of Southern Baptists.

Halsell, 58, a native of Benton, Ark., will succeed the retiring John I. Snedden, Jan. 1, 1980. He will join the West Virginia Convention staff, Oct. 1, 1979, as executive secretary-treasurer elect. Snedden will retire at age 65.

Before joining the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana in 1973, Halsell was pastor of Alberta Baptist Church, Tuscaloosa, Ala., for five years. He

was a Southern Baptist missionary to Brazil, 1955-69, where he served as president of the Equatorial Baptist Theological Seminary and professor of New Testament and evangelism. He has also held pastorates in Memphis, Tenn., and Evansville, Ind.

Both he and his wife, Mary Elizabeth, also a former missionary to Brazil, are graduates of Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, Ark. He also earned master and doctor of theology degrees from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., and has done special study at the University of Alabama, Union Theological Seminary in New York, and Oxford University in England.

The Halsells have four children, including a son, Thomas E. Halsell Jr., a missionary in Senegal, West Africa, and a daughter, Maribeth, a student at Southern Baptist Theological Sem-

nary. Halsell's brother, Howard, is a consultant in the growth section of the Sunday School department at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn. Another brother, Aubrey, a retired U. S. Air Force chaplain, organized the First Baptist Church, Anchorage, Alaska, the first Southern Baptist work in Alaska. His father, W. C. Halsell, was a mission pastor in Arkansas.

Snedden was the first appointed missionary to the state of West Virginia and has served there 21 years. He became the West Virginia Convention's first chief executive. The convention, which formed in 1970, consists of 98 congregations, including 76 constituted churches and 26 church-type missions, with a total membership of about 17,500.

Revival Dates

Clear Branch (Rankin): July 22-27; Marvin Cox, evangelist; Greg Johnston, music evangelist; Sunday regular services with dinner on the grounds; weekday services 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Roger Lee, pastor.



Dave and Patsy Guess

1st, Potts Camp Sends Couple On Nevada Mission

First Church, Potts Camp, has sent Dave and Patsy Guess to Nevada as summer missionaries under the SBC volunteer mission program.

The church paid the Guesses' expenses through volunteer contributions of its members. The couple will spend their two-week vacation on the field.

Dave Guess was ordained as a deacon in 1977, surrendered to preach in February of this year, and was licensed by the church on June 6. Alvis K. Cooper is pastor.

Senior Citizen Travelogue

By Phyllis Nell Lane

The Singing Choir of Main Street Church in Hattiesburg recently went on an Eastern Canadian Tour under direction of Bob H. Jones, minister of music. Forty-four, mostly senior citizens, went on the tour in a Trailways chartered bus driven by James Tew.

The first sightseeing visit was Monticello, home of Thomas Jefferson in Virginia. The first night in New York City most of the group attended a Broadway Play, "I Remember Mama."

The next day there was an all-day tour of New York City. The first stop was the Empire State Building. There was a brief stop in Chinatown, a boat ride to Liberty Island and the Statue of Liberty, a visit to the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, and a short stop at the United Nations Building. The group ate dinner at Mamma Leone's, an Italian restaurant.

The group traveled on for a sightseeing tour of Boston, Cambridge, and Charleston. A highlight of this tour was going in the Old North Church where Paul Revere hung the signal lanterns in the steeple to warn the country of the march of the British troops to Lexington and Concord.

The bus tour went on to Quebec, Canada. A guided tour took the group through historic and modern Quebec. The guide pointed out the narrow streets, the oldest church, Laval University, Old Quebec, and Battlefields Park. It happened to be a holiday, John the Baptist Day. Quebec is about 95%

French and 98% Catholic.

From Quebec the bus trip went to Montreal, the second largest French speaking city in the world. A view of the skyline of the city was seen from atop Mount Royal. Then the tour stopped for a visit to Notre Dame Church.

The next day held for all those on the trip the most spectacular sight on the whole trip, Niagara Falls. Oh what wonders God has provided to show forth His handiwork! The bus arrived at the motel in Niagara Falls a long time before dark, thus giving the opportunity to see the Falls that afternoon and to watch the lights come on them that night.

The following morning there was a guided tour of Niagara Falls which included Horseshoe Falls, Panasonic Tower, Upper Falls View Area, Whirlpool Rapids, and the Hydro Floral Clock. After eating lunch in a cafeteria just across the street from the Falls, we left Canada with nothing but pleasant memories of an enjoyable time spent there.

When the bus crossed the border of Canada and the United States, a guard got on the bus and asked each person what country he or she was a citizen of. After each one had answered "U.S.A.," there was a new sense of pride in being an American.

The bus load of weary travellers laden down with many souvenirs headed toward Mississippi.

(NOTE: Main Street Church has been instrumental in helping other churches form senior citizen groups.)

Uniform Lesson

Faith Calls For Moral Action

By Ed North
First, Quitman
Amos 1:2-5

Several years ago I conducted a revival for a pastor who is also a gentleman farmer. During the course of the week the hay on his farm reached a state of readiness, and he spent considerable time overseeing the cutting operation. One day he invited me to participate, but, being of sound mind and questionable body, I declined. Then, he looked at me with honest eyes and said, "I would rather work on my farm than anything else in the world. I didn't want to be a preacher; that was the Lord's idea."

Immediately I thought of Amos' response to Amaziah: "I was no prophet, neither was I a prophet's son; but I was a herdsman, and gatherer of sycamore fruit: and the Lord took me as I followed the flock, and the Lord said unto me, Go, prophesy unto my people Israel." (7:14-15). God called Amos to the difficult task of interpreting true religion to a generation enamored with the false. His situation speaks to our day.

I. The Man

One of the more colorful of the eighth century prophets, Amos hailed from Tekoa in the wilderness area south of Jerusalem. He identified himself as a "herdsman and gatherer of sycamore fruit." This has prompted many expositors to label him as a country bumpkin. Such was not the case.

The Hebrew term for "herdsman" is rendered "sheepmaster" in II Kings 3:4. In all likelihood Amos owned and cared for a type of small sheep prized for their high quality wool. The sparse growth of the wilderness area would, however, preclude a large herd. His side occupation as a gatherer (literally dresser or pincher) of sycamore fruit (a fig like fruit eaten by the poor) indicates the sheep did not provide an adequate income. Amos' familiarity with the Northern Kingdom and the surrounding nations (1:3-2:3) suggests earlier travels, perhaps in search of a market for his wool.

The character and faith of Amos were molded by his life in the outdoors. Kyle M. Yates, Jr. lists seven traits of Amos' character: (1) simple or

natural, (2) stern, (3) keen, (4) observant, (5) dynamic, (6) courageous, (7) uncompromising. For Amos, God was the awe-inspiring deity of Israel's desert days, a God of unfailing power and unyielding righteousness. His judgment blazed forth as quickly and hotly as a lightning flash across the summer sky. Such a man with such a God must be reckoned with.

II. The Times

The date of Amos' ministry is fixed by the reign of Jeroboam II in Israel from about 783 to about 745 B. C. (7:10-17). It was a time of frantic optimism and "selective" prosperity.

A sense of optimism grew out of the lull before the storm. Assyria had asserted itself in the west, had devastated Syria, and then had withdrawn to attend to domestic problems. This left Israel free of its perennial foe (Syria), free of a threat from Assyria, and free to develop its own resources. The feeling evolved that Israel was in total control of its destiny.

During this period of stability, prosperity abounded, but favored only a select few. The rich got richer, and the poor got poorer (2:6-7, 4:1, 5:11, 8:4-6). Love of luxury and lust for the forbidden marked the life style of the "haves" (2:7-8, 4:1, 5:10-12, 6:2-7). Religion was understood as God's blessings upon a deserving people, and expressed in empty rituals (4:4-5, 5:21-23, 8:4-6). The stage was set for God's man and his message.

III. The Message

Amos declared impending doom. In visions of a locust plague (7:1-2), fire (7:4-6), a plumb line (7:7-9), and summer fruit (8:1-2) God's word rang loud and clear — the end of Israel was certain. While the prosperous frolicked in their palaces of ivory, oppressed the poor, and paid their soulless tribute at the altar of God, the storm clouds were gathering. But only Amos could see reality. As John Skinner has put it in *Prophecy and Religion*: "The prophet's mind is the seismograph of providence vibrating to the first faint tremors that herald the coming earthquake." God was in the process of raising up a nation as an instrument of judgment upon Israel, and Amos knew it (6:14).

There is only one hope. A remnant can be saved if they would seek the Lord (5:6) and seek good (5:14-15). This conjoining of faith and morality is central to the message of Amos. Israel is under indictment for professing and practicing religion without morality. Amos insists that such a religion is worse than no religion at all.

It must be pointed out that morality for Amos is not a matter of no smoking, drinking, dancing, cursing, card playing, etc. He understands morality relationally. It is expressed in the way one treats his fellow person. This morality is rooted in a sure and certain faith in a righteous God, but has little to do with form or ceremony. You may be a certified, dyed-in-the-wool, study course sealed, dipped and diplomated, practicing Baptist, but if you don't respect the rights and value the personhood of other men and women, you are not a moral person.

For Amos, genuine faith secures the foundations of a healthy morality, while moral living is a trustworthy indicator of a genuine faith. And so, he sums up both faith and morality when he pleads, "Let justice roll down like waters and righteousness like an everflowing stream" (5:24 RSV).

Suppose the gentleman farmer-preacher of Tekoa were to stride the face of America today with his stern, uncompromising call for righteousness. Would some robed cleric condemn him for stirring up church members "at ease in Zion?" Would governmental officials plead the First Amendment and order him to keep his religion out of politics? Would representatives of greedy business and self-centered labor unions plot to silence his troubling influence? Would radicals of every imaginable stripe try to identify him with their particular cause? Maybe the great problem with our America is that such a confrontation seems highly unlikely. Lord, give us an Amos!

Carlyle B. Hayes will move from director of management services to director of development at the Radio and Television Commission, Fort Worth, Tex., according to Harold E. Martin, executive vice president.

Life and Work Lesson

A Mission To People

By W. Thomas Baddley
First Church, Brandon
Acts 13:4 to 14:28

In his book, *REAL EVANGELISM*, Bailey Smith tells the story of a group of shipwrecked people floating in the open sea hanging on to the debris. As a large boat passed close by, they began to cry out to be rescued. A voice came back from the boat, "Be quiet! We're having a study course on how to rescue shipwrecked people."

Paul had dedicated his early life to being a good Jew, obeying all laws and practicing all ritual. He saw keeping the law as the way to please God. After Jesus interrupted his way of life and he had surrendered to His Lordship, Paul transferred his energies from keeping the law to sharing God's love with people, all people everywhere.

I. A Concerned Appeal To The Prepared (Acts 13:38-39, 42-43)

Having been commissioned, Barnabas and Paul set out on what we know as the first missionary journey. Eventually they arrived in Antioch of Pisidia. Being God-fearing, Jewish Christians, they went to the synagogue on the Sabbath to worship. Following the reading of the Scripture, the leaders of the synagogue invited Paul or Barnabas to speak to them whatever exhortation God might direct.

Paul took them up on their invitation. Under the sound of his voice were both Jews and God-fearers (non-Jews who were studying the Jewish faith). He preached persuasively, not to a mob, but to a large gathering of individual people who needed God's grace-gift of forgiveness. These people already knew about Jehovah God. They had heard, read and studied the Scriptures. With this background, Paul traced God's hand in the lives of Jews down to David and then quickly moved to Jesus, the descendant of David by earthly parentage. Paul described the rejection, the crucifixion, the burial and the resurrection. Then he declared Jesus as the instrument by whom those listening could be justified (forgiven of their sins) from all things. That was something even the law couldn't do.

Just as you can lead a horse to water, but you can't make him drink, even so, you can preach clearly and powerfully to lost people, but you can't make them

believe. Paul's message had a mixed reception. Some of the Jews and the Gentile proselytes responded positively. They asked for more information, more preaching, more teaching.

When the Good News is shared with individuals (grouped in ones or twos or in thousands) because we care about those individuals, some will respond. God's mission is to people.

II. A Costly Service To Pagans (Acts 14:8-20)

In contrast to the group of Jews at Antioch of Pisidia, Paul's next congregation knew nothing of the one true God. To demonstrate God's power, a cripple was healed, but instead of God being glorified, the people attributed the work to the men. They accepted them and recognized them not as God's missionaries, but as earthly forms of the gods Jupiter and Mercury. An impromptu celebration was called. When Paul and Barnabas recognized what had happened, they tore off their clothes trying to affirm their humanity and Paul again preached.

In the crowd were some of the Jews from Antioch and Iconium who had rejected Paul's message when preached in their cities. Seizing the proper moment, they led the gathering from a celebration of recognition to a frenzy of execution. Paul was stoned and left for dead. It is not always easy or safe to preach or teach sharing God's Good News to individuals in need of salvation. Thus, Paul fled to Derbe.

III. A Caring Return To The New Churches (Acts 14:21-23)

Having experienced success and suffering, it was not time to return home; but before returning to Antioch, Paul and Barnabas determined that they would visit each of the new congregations they had planted. These verses indicate that they performed three tasks in each of the new churches:

1. Confirmation — they strengthened and stabilized these new Christians helping them to grow stronger by strengthening their foundation of understanding.
2. Exhortation — they appealed to the new converts to weather the storms of tribulation and use the opportunities to grow.

3. Organization — leaders — "elders" were ordained or set aside to give direction and organization for action.

IV. A Careful Report (Acts 14:27)

Sometimes we have abused the record-keeping system of Sunday School and the other organizations. Twisted goals of being 100% have sometimes replaced Christian concern and growth, but keeping records, compiling them, and then using them can help us be more effective.

Paul and Barnabas reported on the effectiveness of their journey. More than just trying to impress the Antioch Christians it enabled them to see that their church-sponsored mission venture was more than just two men; it was a whole congregation serving by sending and praying.

When we apply these passages to our daily task, the world can become not just a blurry sea of nameless faces representing a lost mass, but individuals who need Jesus. Under this ministry they saw individuals who had heard and responded. It was a mission to people. What can we do to express our care about the physical and spiritual needs of the individuals who had heard and responded. It was a mission to people. What can we do to express our care about the physical and spiritual needs of the individuals who make up the world around us?

Pilots And Salvation Army Train For Disaster

SAN JOSE, Calif. (RNS) — The Christian Pilots Association and the Salvation Army have agreed to hold cooperative training flights here to prepare for joint assistance in emergency disaster relief. Howard Payne, president of the pilots association, related that "in 1976 after the Guatemala earthquake, we learned rather painfully that we do not know how to help each other. The Salvation Army has tons of materials to distribute when disaster strikes, and aviation can be the key to effective distribution. That is the reason for these exercises."